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(54) **ADVERTISING SPACE FOR TOURNAMENTS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Examples disclosed herein relate to systems and methods for tournament game player. An electronic gaming device may include a memory, one or more processors, and a plurality of reels. One or more paylines may be formed on at least a portion of the plurality of reels. The memory may include one or more tournament game structures. The memory may also include one or more advertisement structures. The one or more processors may initiate one or more tournaments based on one or more tournament game structures. The one or more processors may initiate one or more advertisements based on at least one of the one or more advertisement structures and one or more triggering events.

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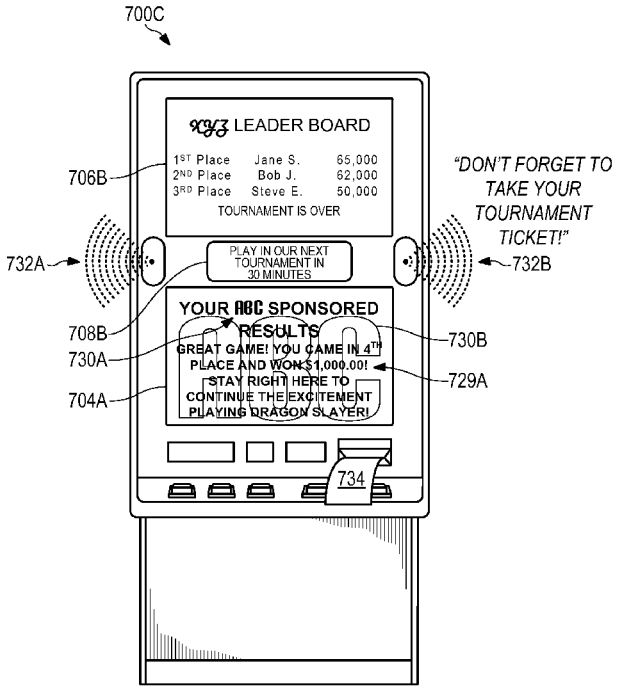

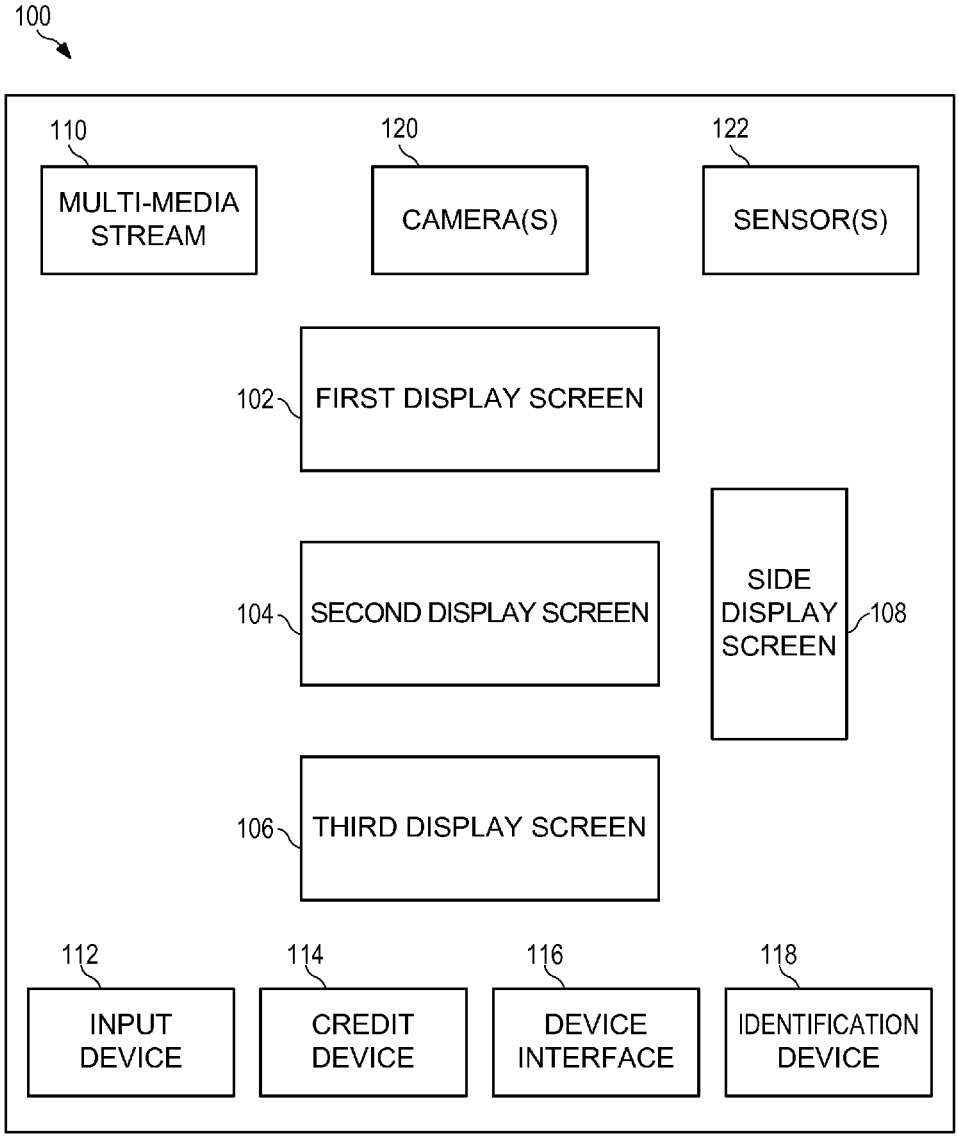
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SENSOR(S)
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FIRST DISPLAY SCREEN
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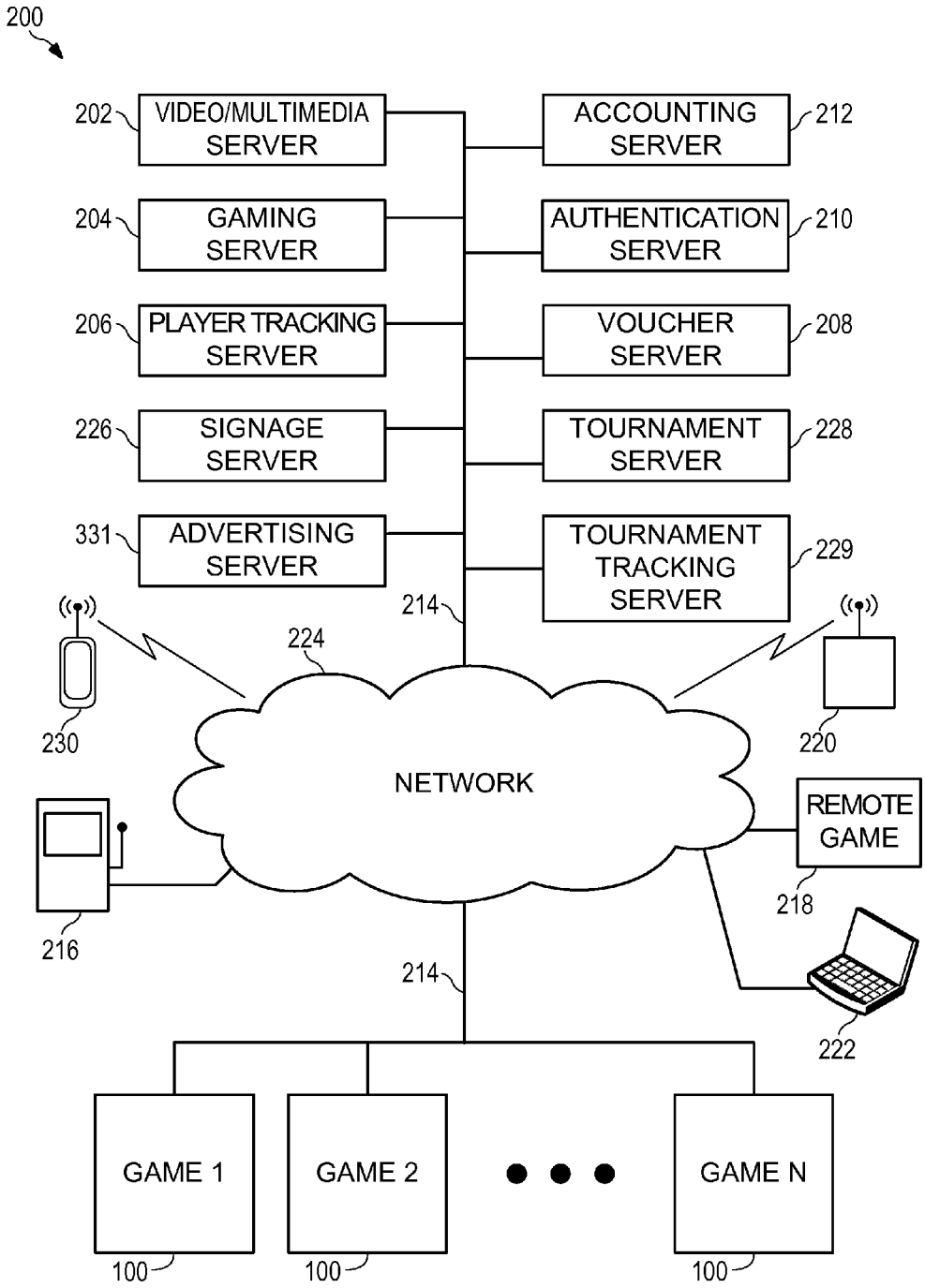
SECOND DISPLAY SCREEN
SIDE DISPLAY SCREEN
108
106
THIRD DISPLAY SCREEN
112
INPUT DEVICE
114
CREDIT DEVICE
116
DEVICE INTERFACE
118
IDENTIFICATION DEVICE

FIG. 1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PLAYER TRACKING SERVER
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SIGNAGE SERVER
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ADVERTISING SERVER
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ACCOUNTING SERVER
210
AUTHENTICATION SERVER
208
VOUCHER SERVER
228
TOURNAMENT SERVER
229
TOURNAMENT TRACKING SERVER
214
224
NETWORK
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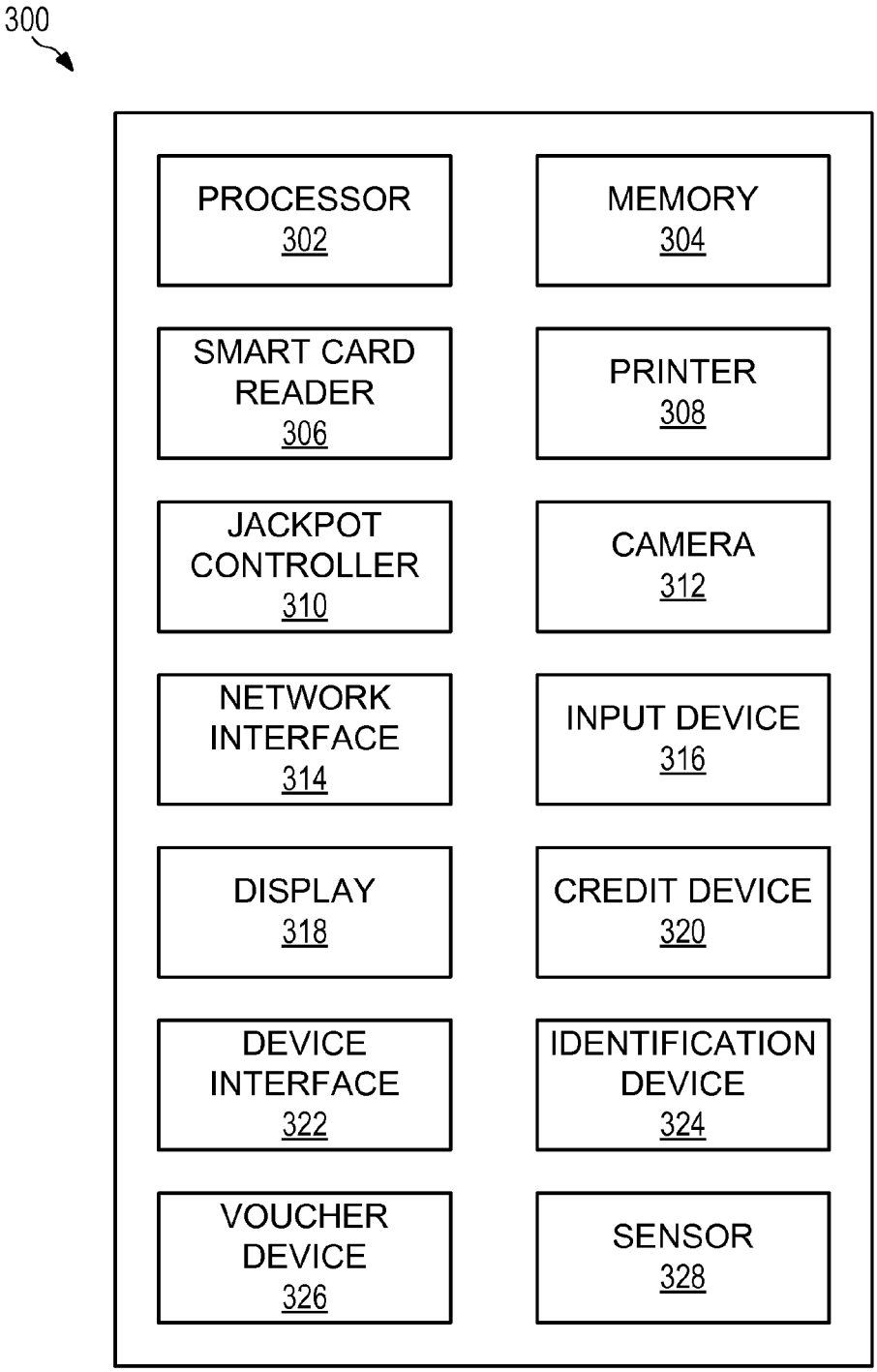
220
REMOTE GAME
218
216
214
222
GAME 1
GAME 2
GAME N
100
100
100

FIG. 2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CAMERA
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INPUT DEVICE
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DISPLAY
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DEVICE INTERFACE
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IDENTIFICATION DEVICE
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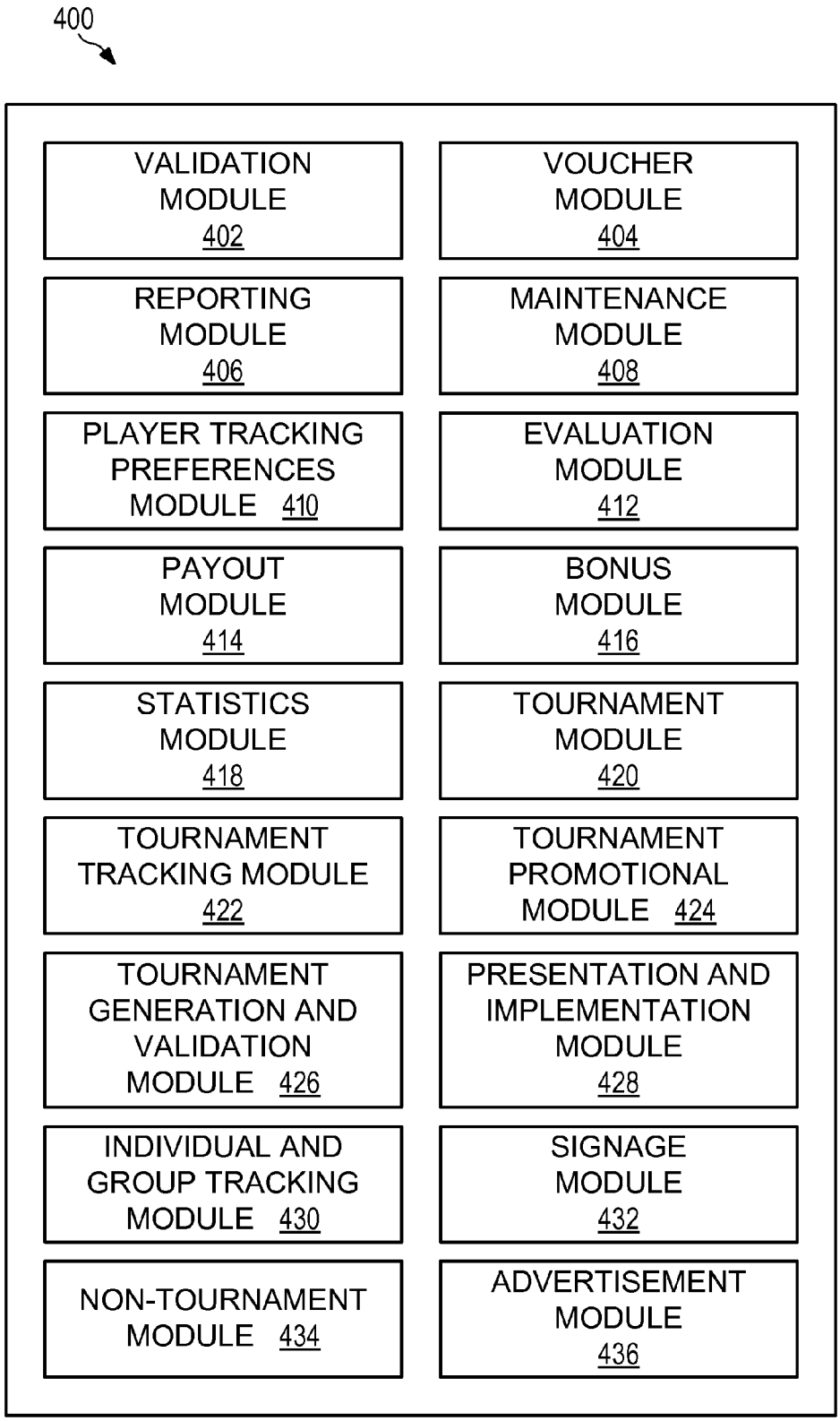
VOUCHER DEVICE
326
SENSOR
328

FIG. 3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BONUS MODULE 416
STATISTICS MODULE 418
TOURNAMENT MODULE 420
TOURNAMENT TRACKING MODULE 422
TOURNAMENT PROMOTIONAL MODULE 424
TOURNAMENT GENERATION AND VALIDATION MODULE 426
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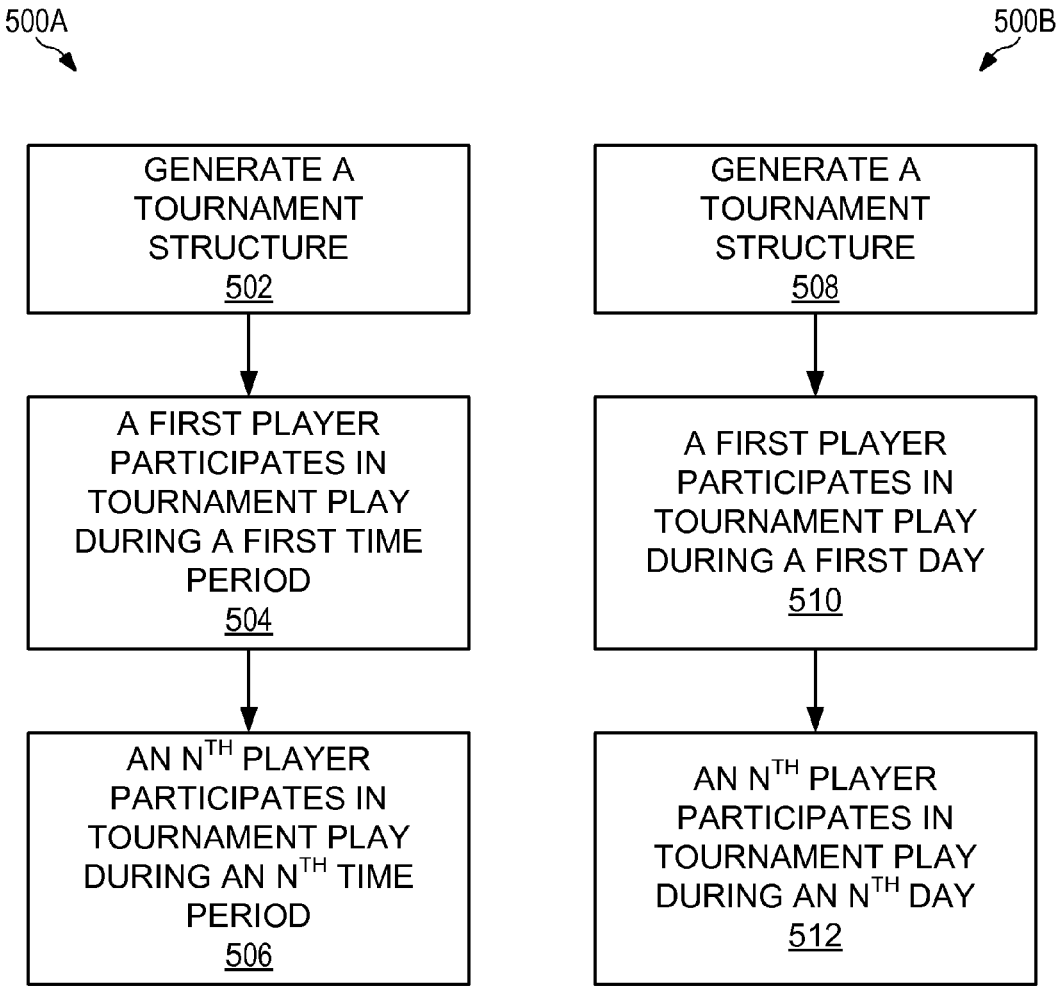
INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP TRACKING MODULE 430
SIGNAGE MODULE 432
NON-TOURNAMENT MODULE 434
ADVERTISEMENT MODULE 436

FIG. 4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GENERATE A TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE
502
A FIRST PLAYER PARTICIPATES IN TOURNAMENT PLAY DURING A FIRST TIME PERIOD
504
AN N^TH PLAYER PARTICIPATES IN TOURNAMENT PLAY DURING AN N^TH TIME PERIOD
506
500B
GENERATE A TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE
508
A FIRST PLAYER PARTICIPATES IN TOURNAMENT PLAY DURING A FIRST DAY
510
AN N^TH PLAYER PARTICIPATES IN TOURNAMENT PLAY DURING AN N^TH DAY
512

FIG. 5A

FIG. 5B

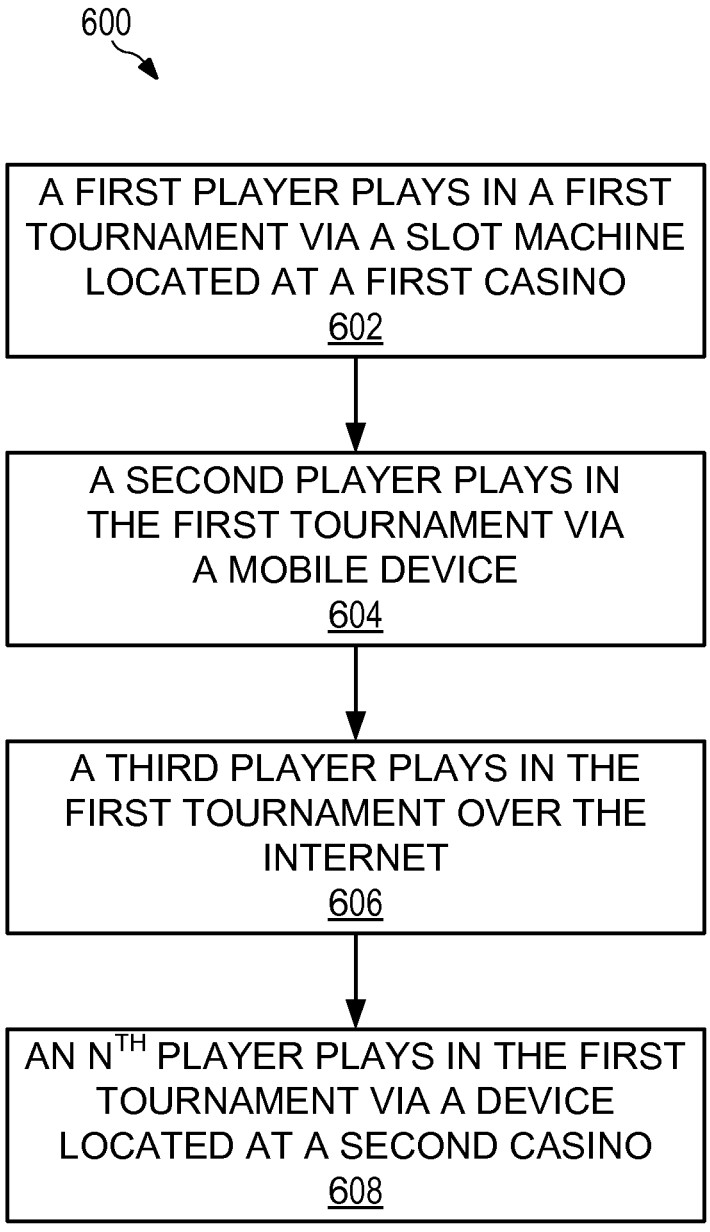
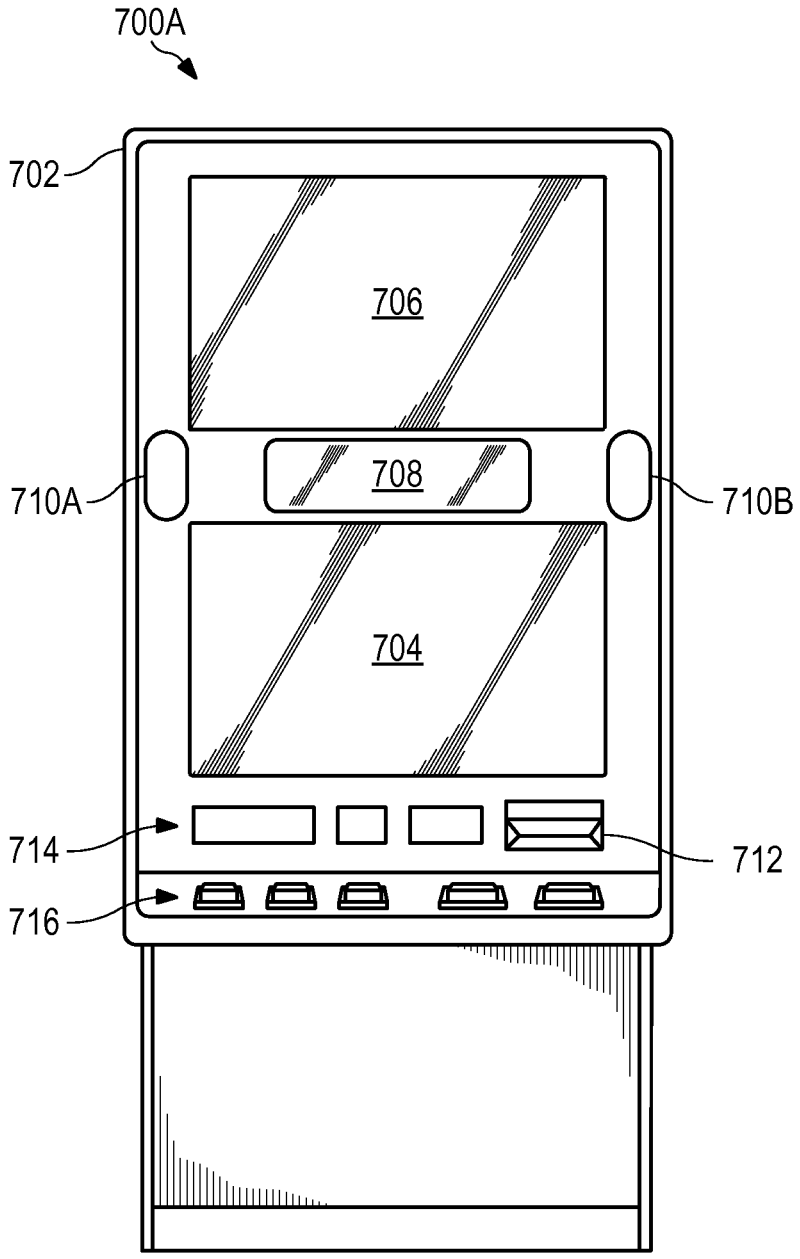

600
A FIRST PLAYER PLAYS IN A FIRST TOURNAMENT VIA A SLOT MACHINE LOCATED AT A FIRST CASINO
602
A SECOND PLAYER PLAYS IN THE FIRST TOURNAMENT VIA A MOBILE DEVICE
604
A THIRD PLAYER PLAYS IN THE FIRST TOURNAMENT OVER THE INTERNET
606
AN N^TH PLAYER PLAYS IN THE FIRST TOURNAMENT VIA A DEVICE LOCATED AT A SECOND CASINO
608

FIG. 6



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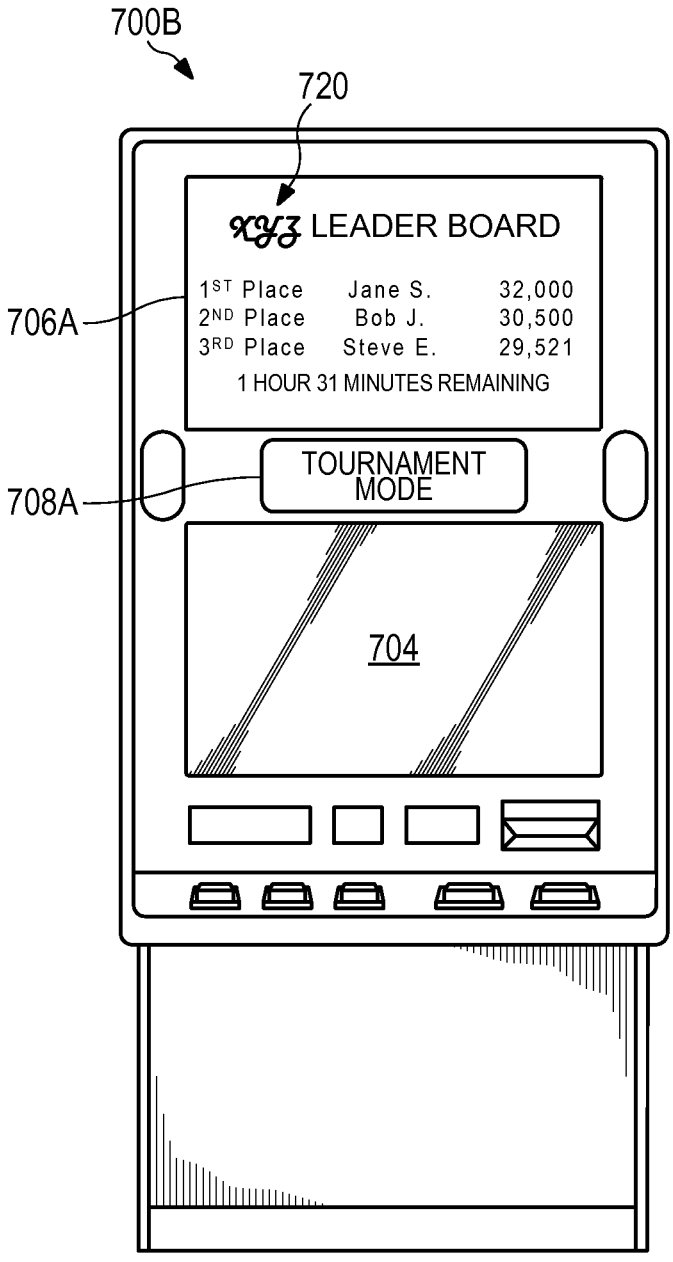

700B
720
xyz LEADER BOARD
1ST Place Jane S. 32,000
2ND Place Bob J. 30,500
3RD Place Steve E. 29,521
1 HOUR 31 MINUTES REMAINING
706A
TOURNAMENT MODE
708A
704

FIG. 7B

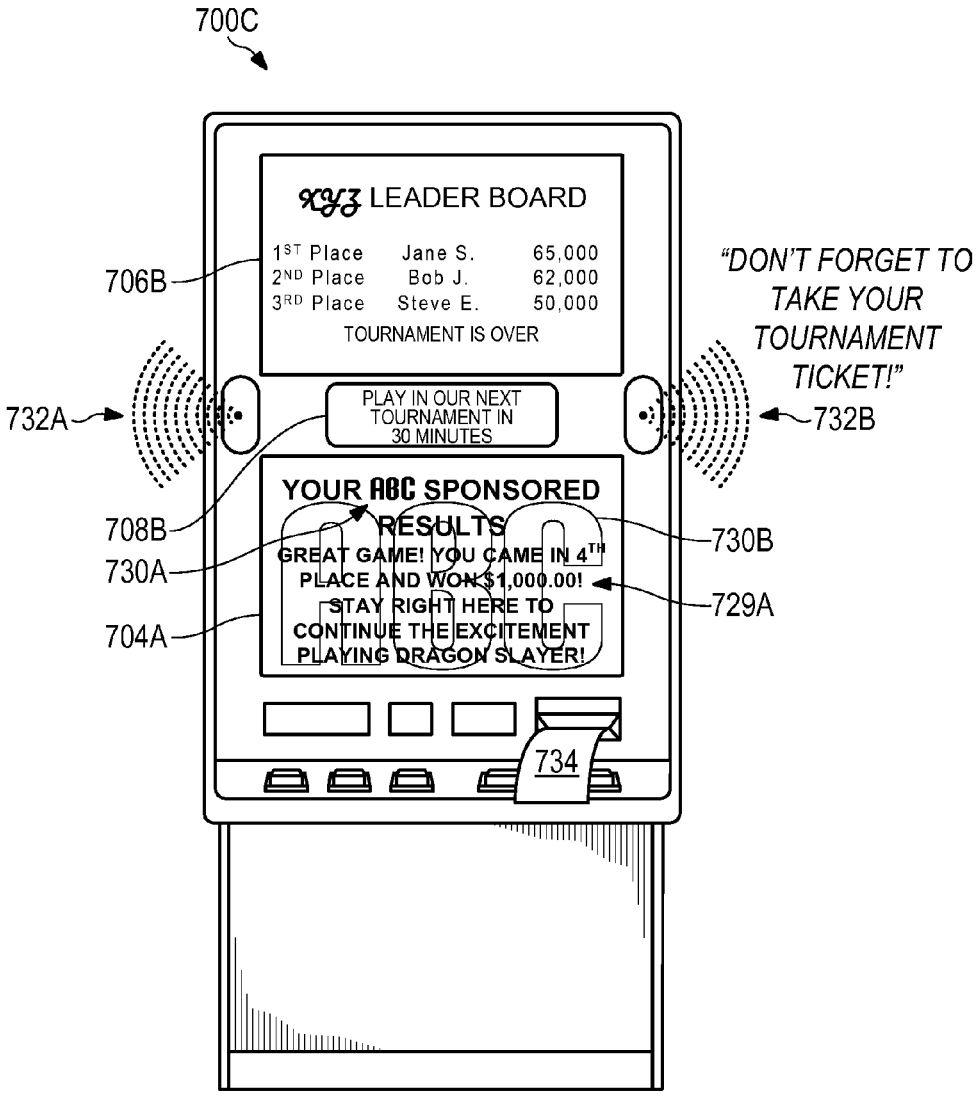

700C
XYZ LEADER BOARD
1ST Place Jane S. 65,000
2ND Place Bob J. 62,000
3RD Place Steve E. 50,000
TOURNAMENT IS OVER
706B
"DON'T FORGET TO TAKE YOUR TOURNAMENT TICKET!"
732A
732B
PLAY IN OUR NEXT TOURNAMENT IN 30 MINUTES
708B
YOUR ABC SPONSORED RESULTS
730B
730A
GREAT GAME! YOU CAME IN 4TH PLACE AND WON $1,000.00!
729A
STAY RIGHT HERE TO CONTINUE THE EXCITEMENT PLAYING DRAGON SLAYER!
704A
734

FIG. 7C

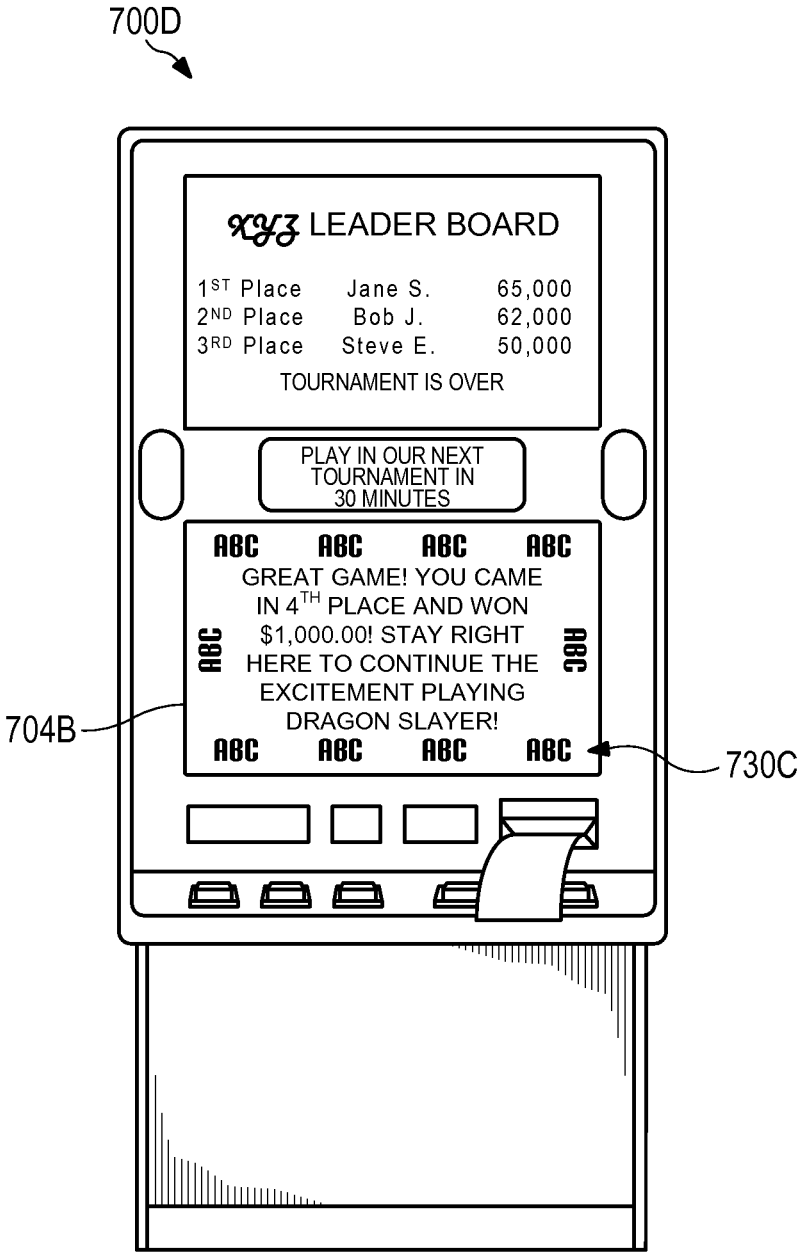

700D
xyz LEADER BOARD
1ST Place Jane S. 65,000
2ND Place Bob J. 62,000
3RD Place Steve E. 50,000
TOURNAMENT IS OVER
PLAY IN OUR NEXT TOURNAMENT IN 30 MINUTES
ABC ABC ABC ABC
GREAT GAME! YOU CAME IN 4TH PLACE AND WON $1,000.00! STAY RIGHT HERE TO CONTINUE THE EXCITEMENT PLAYING DRAGON SLAYER!
ABC ABC ABC ABC
ABC
ABC
704B
730C

FIG. 7D

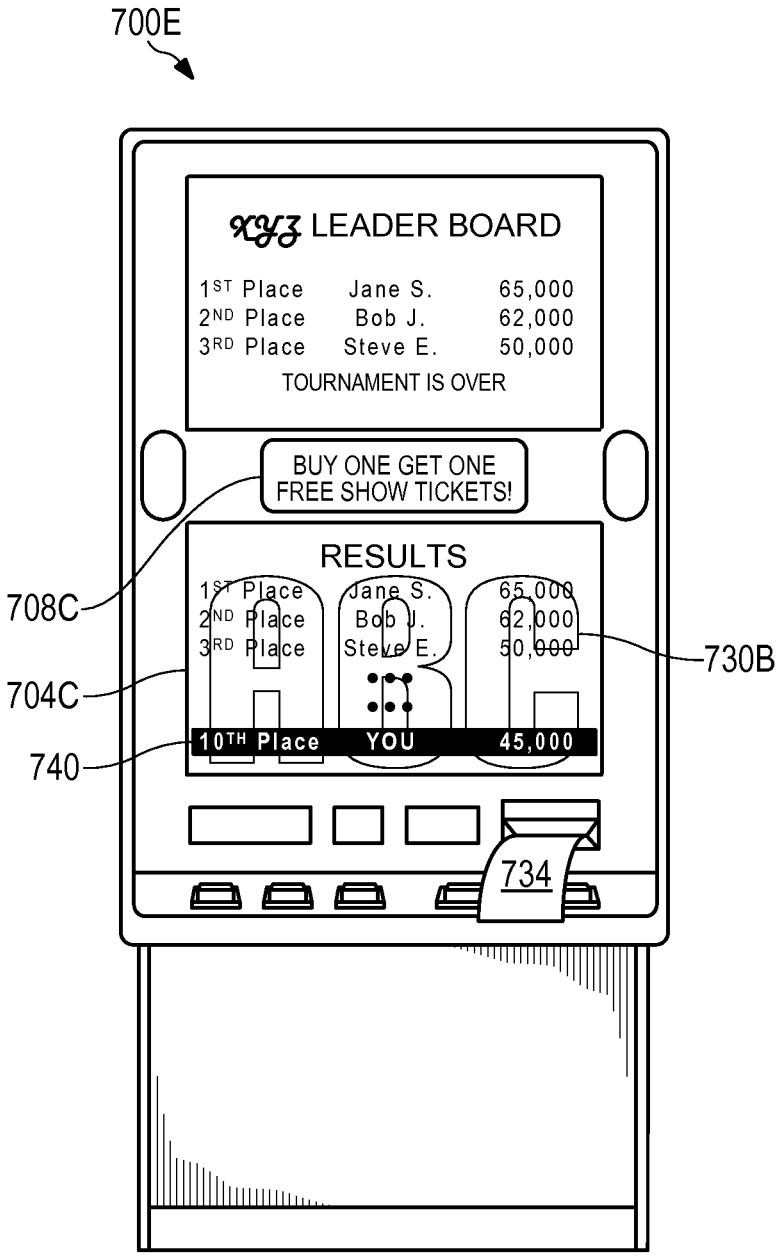

700E
xyz LEADER BOARD
1ST Place Jane S. 65,000
2ND Place Bob J. 62,000
3RD Place Steve E. 50,000
TOURNAMENT IS OVER
BUY ONE GET ONE FREE SHOW TICKETS!
RESULTS
1ST Place Jane S. 65,000
2ND Place Bob J. 62,000
3RD Place Steve E. 50,000
10TH Place YOU 45,000
708C
704C
740
730B
734

FIG. 7E

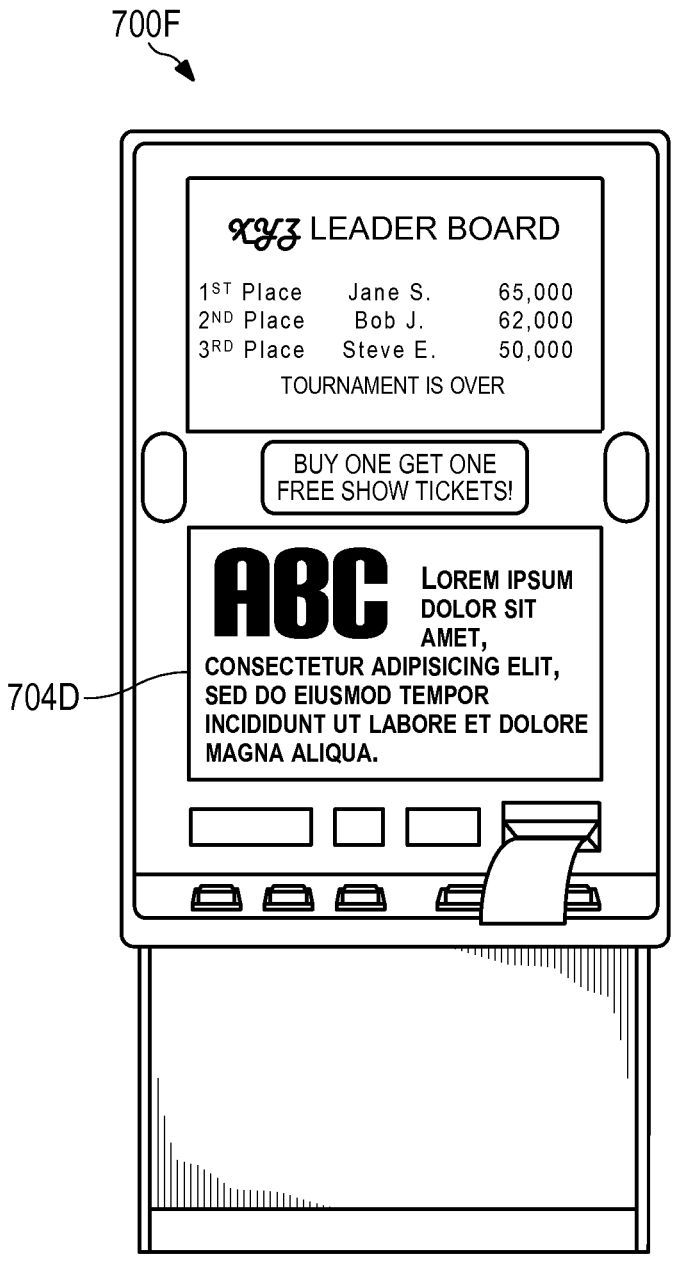

700F
XYZ LEADER BOARD
1ST Place Jane S. 65,000
2ND Place Bob J. 62,000
3RD Place Steve E. 50,000
TOURNAMENT IS OVER
BUY ONE GET ONE FREE SHOW TICKETS!
ABC
LOREM IPSUM DOLOR SIT AMET,
CONSECTETUR ADIPISICING ELIT, SED DO EIUSMOD TEMPOR INCIDIDUNT UT LABORE ET DOLORE MAGNA ALIQUA.
704D

FIG. 7F

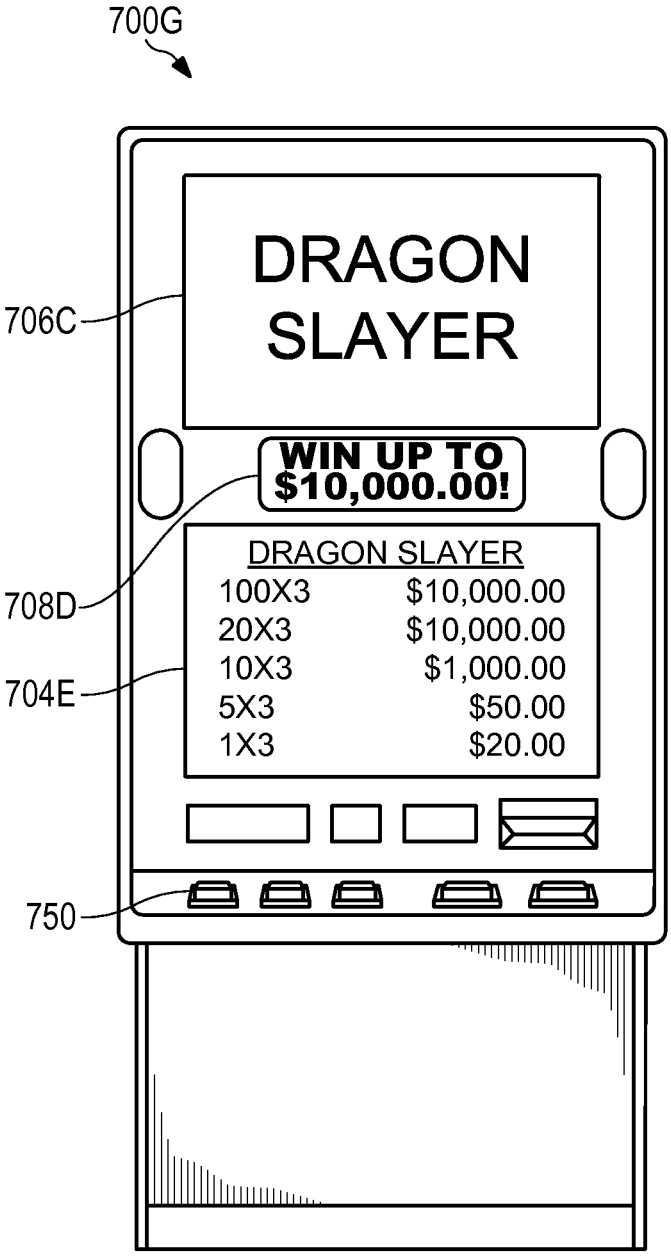

700G
706C
DRAGON SLAYER
WIN UP TO $10,000.00!
708D
DRAGON SLAYER
100X3 $10,000.00
20X3 $10,000.00
704E
10X3 $1,000.00
5X3 $50.00
1X3 $20.00
750

FIG. 7G

800
802
804A
806
XYZ TOURNAMENT RESULTS
YOU CAME IN 4TH PLACE AND WON $1,000.00!
808
XYZ LEADER BOARD
810A
1ST Place Jane S. 65,000
2ND Place Bob J. 62,000
3RD Place Steve E. 50,000
TOURNAMENT IS OVER
810B
0 2 4 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 6
804B
812
814

FIG. 8

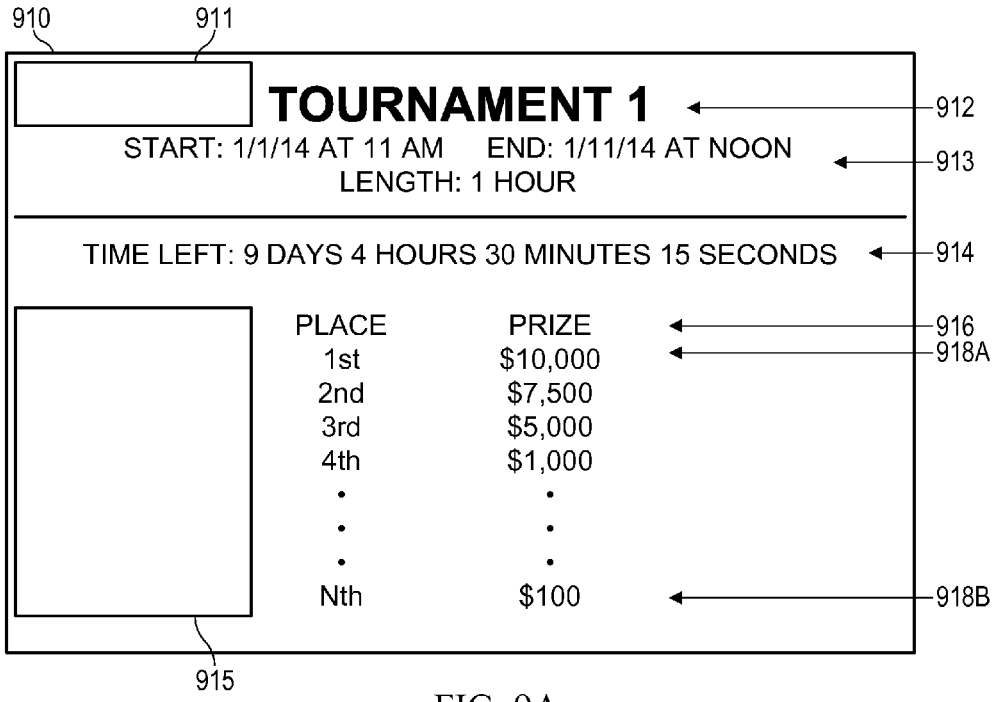

910
911
TOURNAMENT 1
912
START: 1/1/14 AT 11 AM END: 1/11/14 AT NOON
LENGTH: 1 HOUR
913
TIME LEFT: 9 DAYS 4 HOURS 30 MINUTES 15 SECONDS
914
PLACE
PRIZE
916
1st
$10,000
918A
2nd
$7,500
3rd
$5,000
4th
$1,000
Nth
$100
918B
915

FIG. 9A

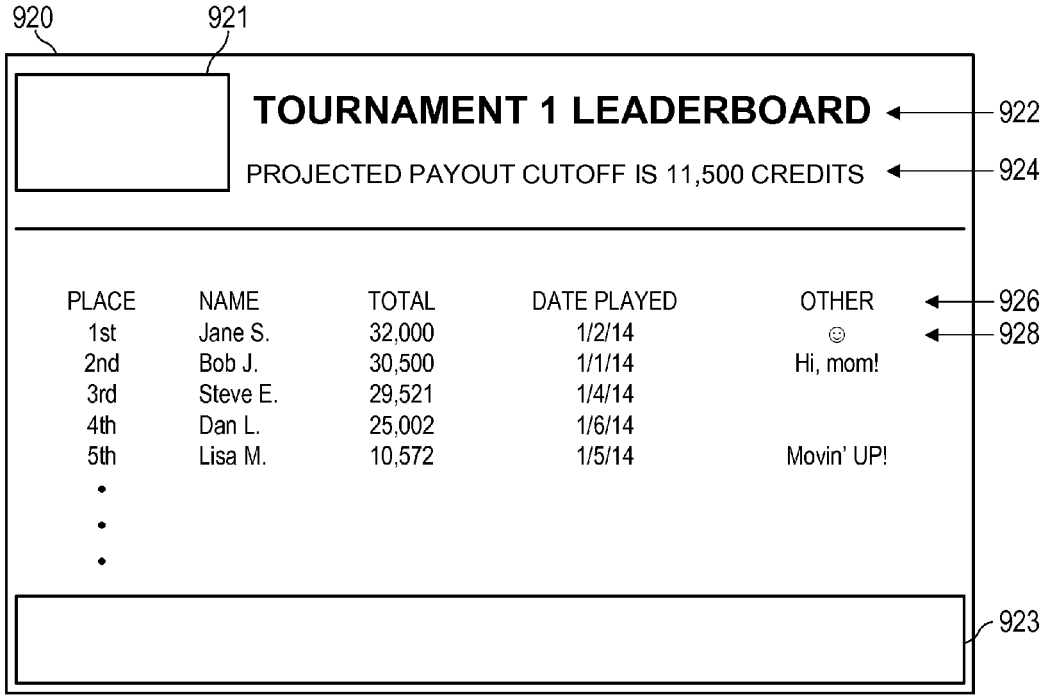

920
921
TOURNAMENT 1 LEADERBOARD
922
PROJECTED PAYOUT CUTOFF IS 11,500 CREDITS
924
PLACE NAME TOTAL DATE PLAYED OTHER
926
1st Jane S. 32,000 1/2/14 ☺
928
2nd Bob J. 30,500 1/1/14 Hi, mom!
3rd Steve E. 29,521 1/4/14
4th Dan L. 25,002 1/6/14
5th Lisa M. 10,572 1/5/14 Movin' UP!
923

FIG. 9B

FIG. 9C

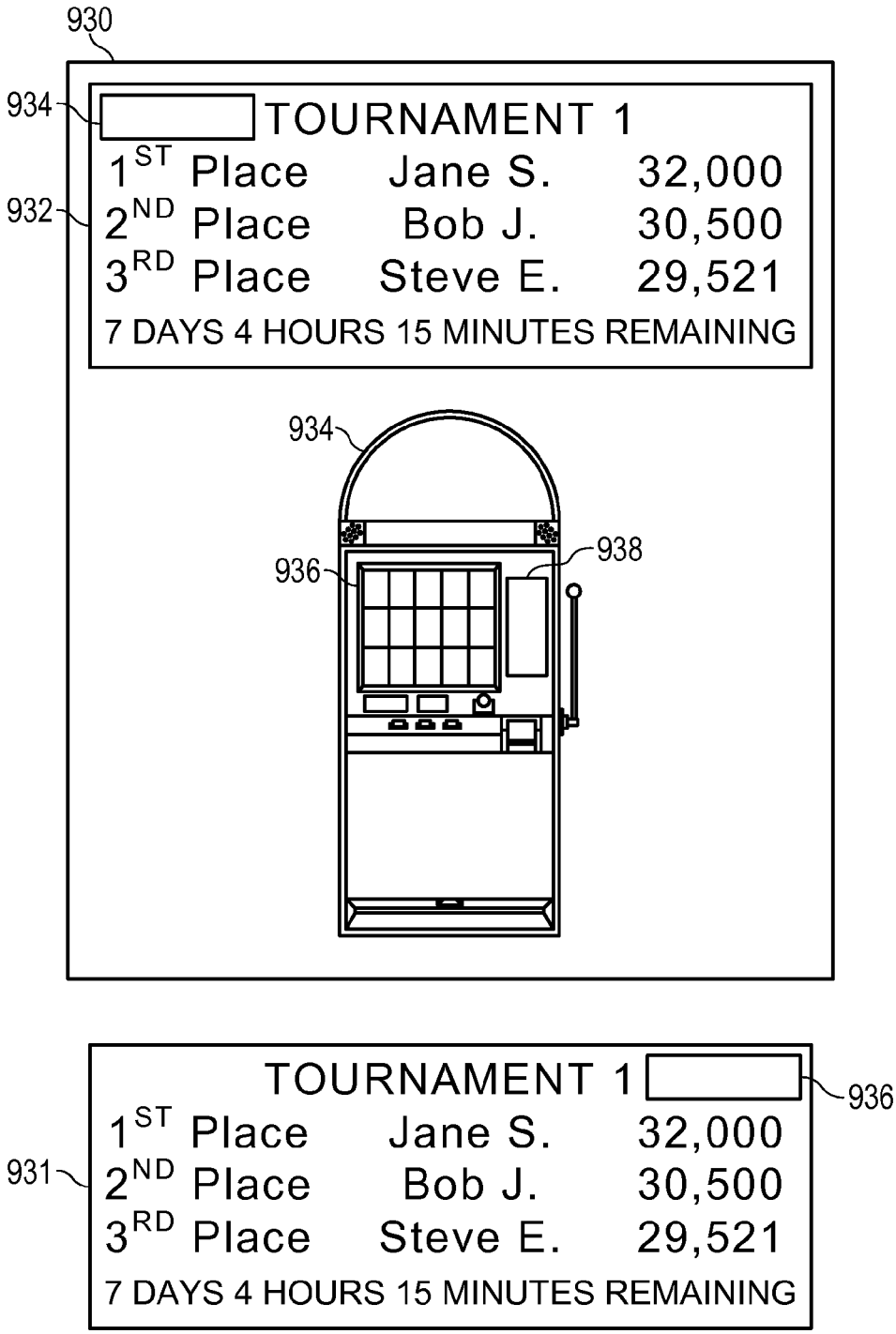
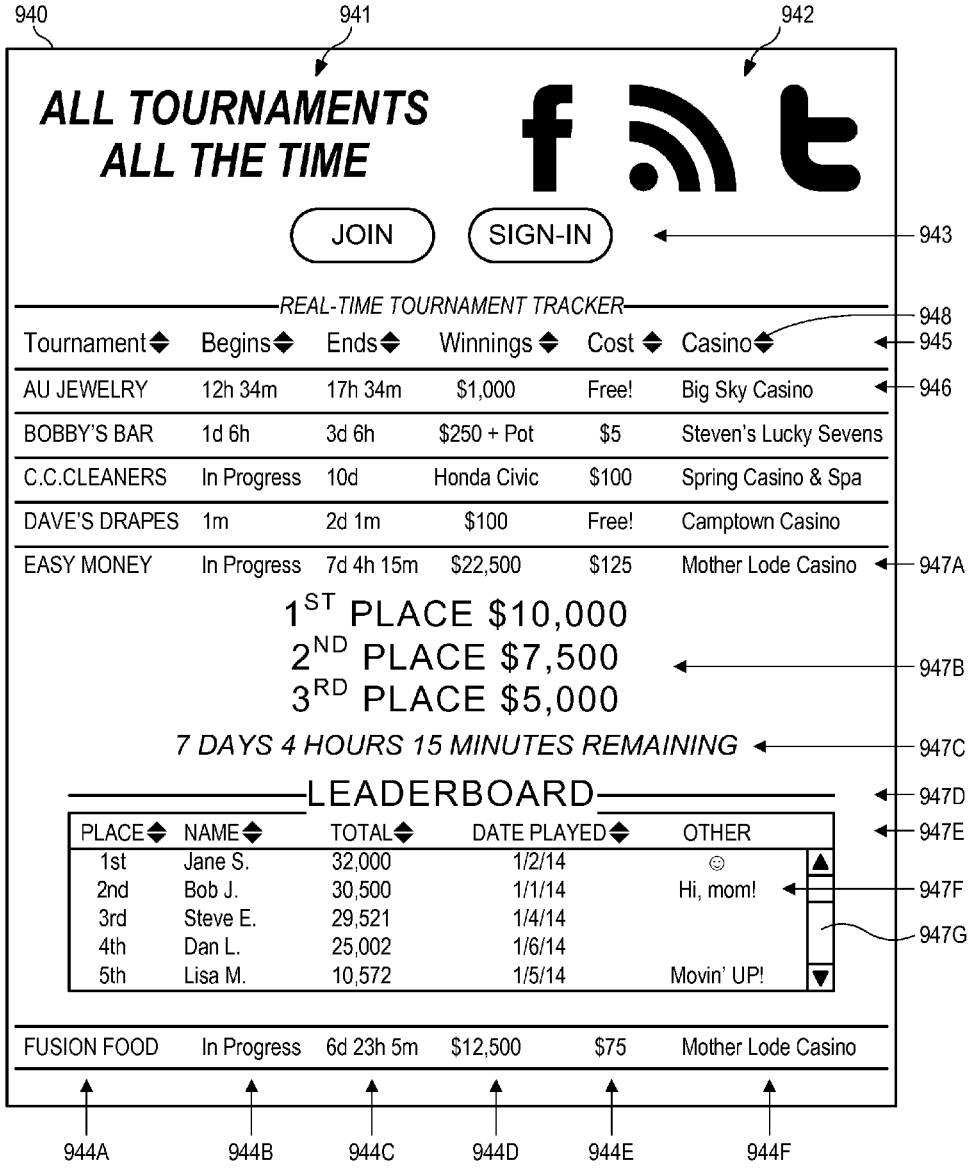

930
934
TOURNAMENT 1
1ST Place Jane S. 32,000
932
2ND Place Bob J. 30,500
3RD Place Steve E. 29,521
7 DAYS 4 HOURS 15 MINUTES REMAINING
934
936
938
TOURNAMENT 1
936
1ST Place Jane S. 32,000
931
2ND Place Bob J. 30,500
3RD Place Steve E. 29,521
7 DAYS 4 HOURS 15 MINUTES REMAINING

FIG. 9D


940
941
942
ALL TOURNAMENTS
ALL THE TIME
JOIN
SIGN-IN
943
REAL-TIME TOURNAMENT TRACKER
948
Tournament
Begins
Ends
Winnings
Cost
Casino
945
AU JEWELRY 12h 34m 17h 34m $1,000 Free! Big Sky Casino
946
BOBBY'S BAR 1d 6h 3d 6h $250 + Pot $5 Steven's Lucky Sevens
C.C.CLEANERS In Progress 10d Honda Civic $100 Spring Casino & Spa
DAVE'S DRAPES 1m 2d 1m $100 Free! Camptown Casino
EASY MONEY In Progress 7d 4h 15m $22,500 $125 Mother Lode Casino
947A
1ST PLACE $10,000
2ND PLACE $7,500
3RD PLACE $5,000
947B
7 DAYS 4 HOURS 15 MINUTES REMAINING
947C
LEADERBOARD
947D
PLACE NAME TOTAL DATE PLAYED OTHER
947E
1st Jane S. 32,000 1/2/14 ☺
2nd Bob J. 30,500 1/1/14 Hi, mom!
947F
3rd Steve E. 29,521 1/4/14
4th Dan L. 25,002 1/6/14
947G
5th Lisa M. 10,572 1/5/14 Movin' UP!
FUSION FOOD In Progress 6d 23h 5m $12,500 $75 Mother Lode Casino
944A
944B
944C
944D
944E
944F

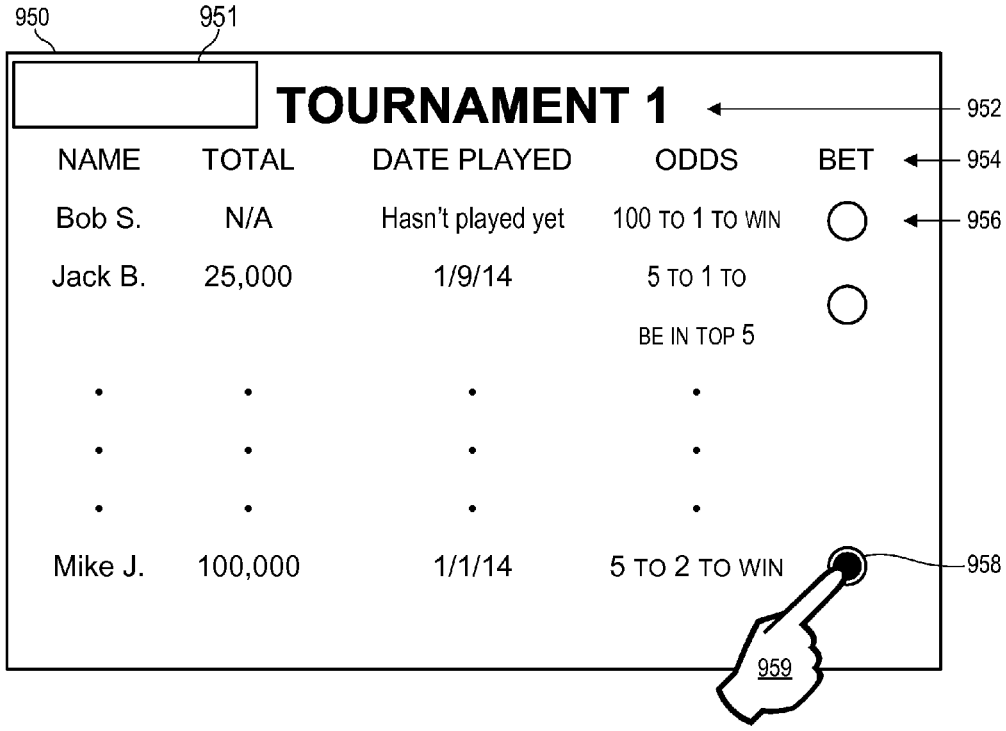
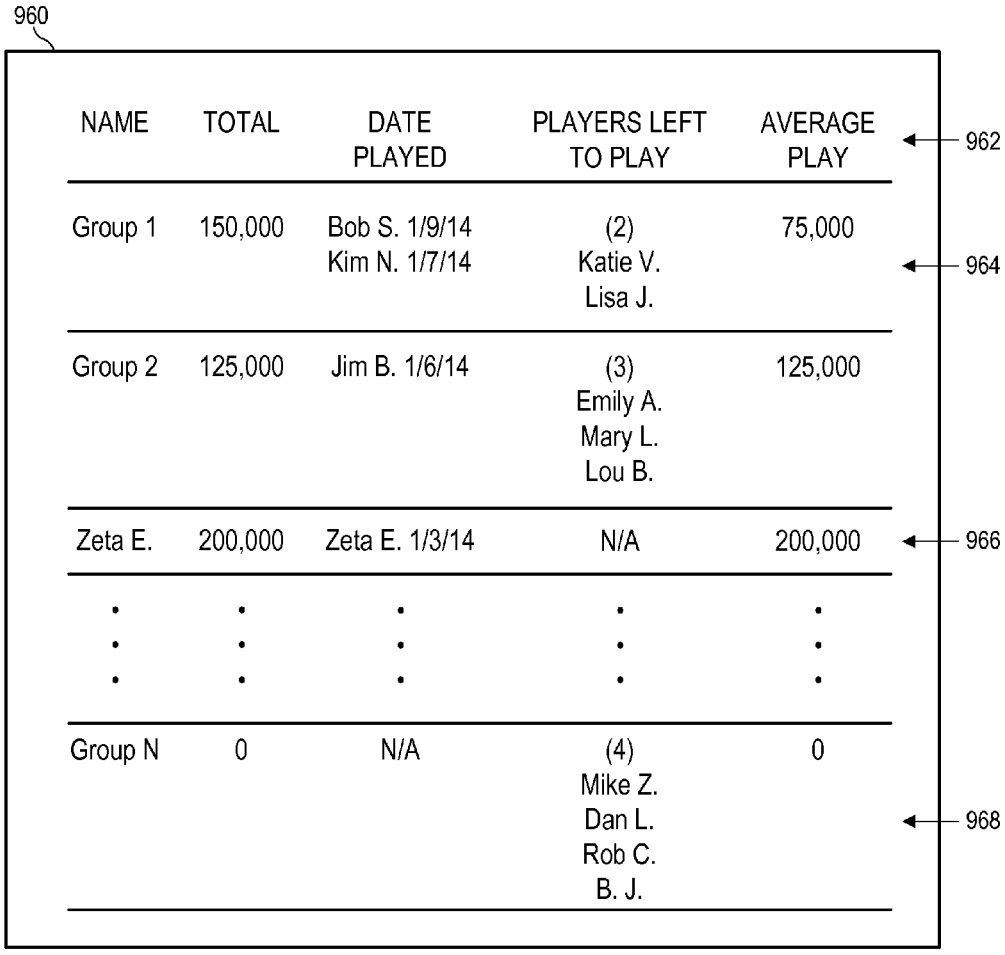

950
951
TOURNAMENT 1
952
NAME
TOTAL
DATE PLAYED
ODDS
BET
954
Bob S.
N/A
Hasn't played yet
100 TO 1 TO WIN
956
Jack B.
25,000
1/9/14
5 TO 1 TO BE IN TOP 5
Mike J.
100,000
1/1/14
5 TO 2 TO WIN
958
959

FIG. 9E


960
NAME
TOTAL
DATE PLAYED
PLAYERS LEFT TO PLAY
AVERAGE PLAY
962
Group 1
150,000
Bob S. 1/9/14
Kim N. 1/7/14
(2)
Katie V.
Lisa J.
75,000
964
Group 2
125,000
Jim B. 1/6/14
(3)
Emily A.
Mary L.
Lou B.
125,000
Zeta E.
200,000
Zeta E. 1/3/14
N/A
200,000
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Group N
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(4)
Mike Z.
Dan L.
Rob C.
B. J.
0
968

FIG. 9F

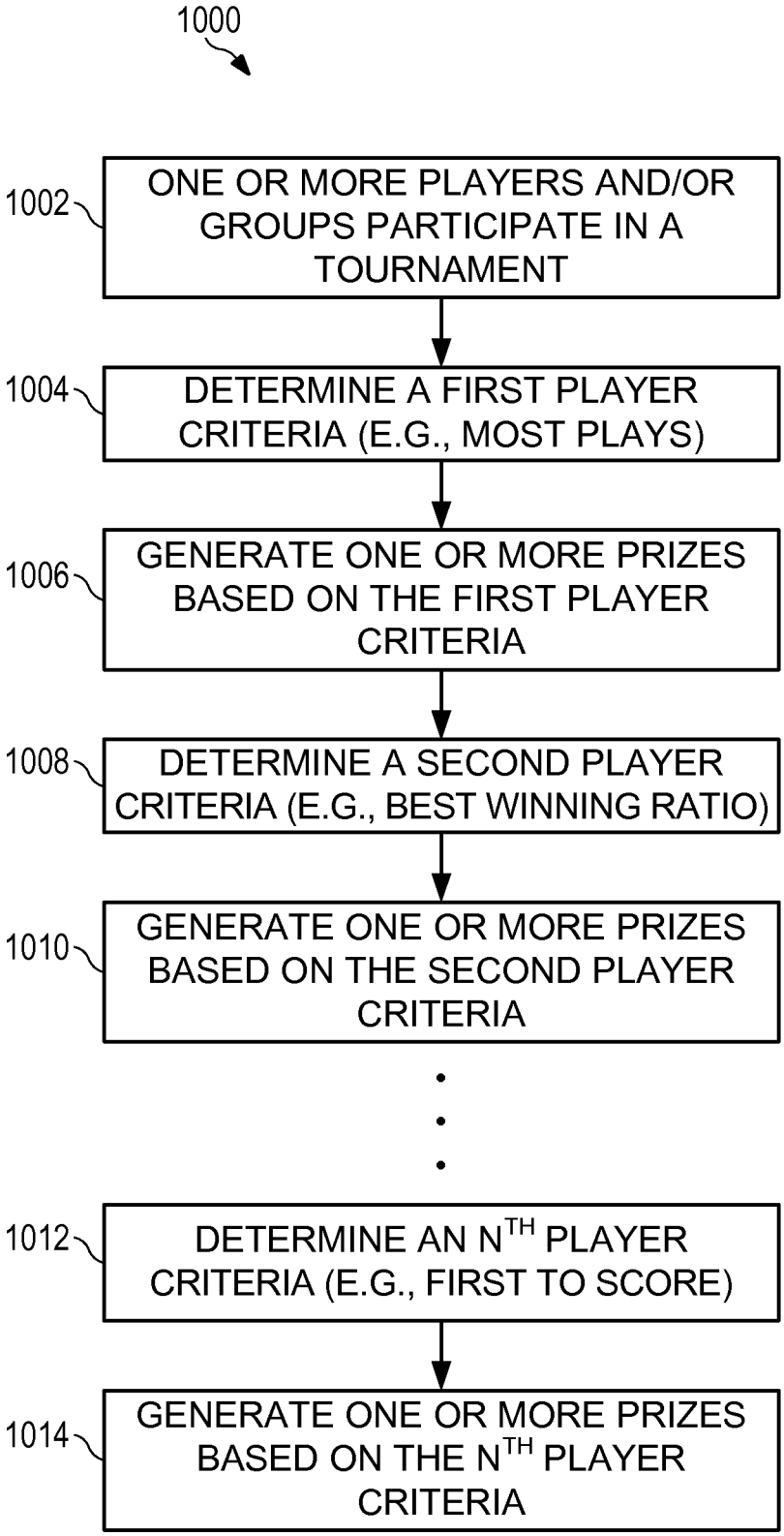
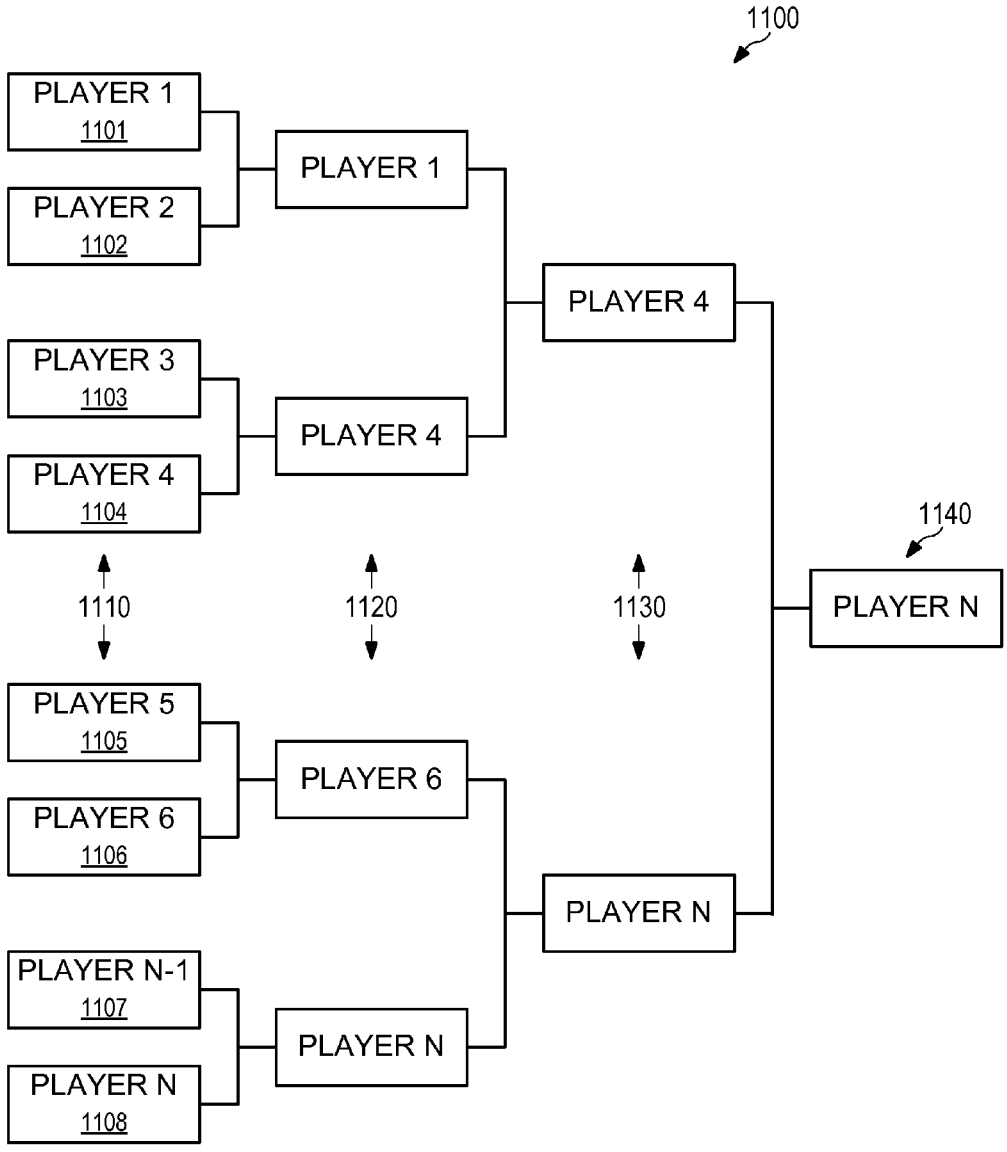

1000
1002
ONE OR MORE PLAYERS AND/OR GROUPS PARTICIPATE IN A TOURNAMENT
1004
DETERMINE A FIRST PLAYER CRITERIA (E.G., MOST PLAYS)
1006
GENERATE ONE OR MORE PRIZES BASED ON THE FIRST PLAYER CRITERIA
1008
DETERMINE A SECOND PLAYER CRITERIA (E.G., BEST WINNING RATIO)
1010
GENERATE ONE OR MORE PRIZES BASED ON THE SECOND PLAYER CRITERIA
1012
DETERMINE AN N^TH PLAYER CRITERIA (E.G., FIRST TO SCORE)
1014
GENERATE ONE OR MORE PRIZES BASED ON THE N^TH PLAYER CRITERIA

FIG. 10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PLAYER 1
1101
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1102
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PLAYER 4
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PLAYER 6
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PLAYER N-1
1107
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1140
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1120
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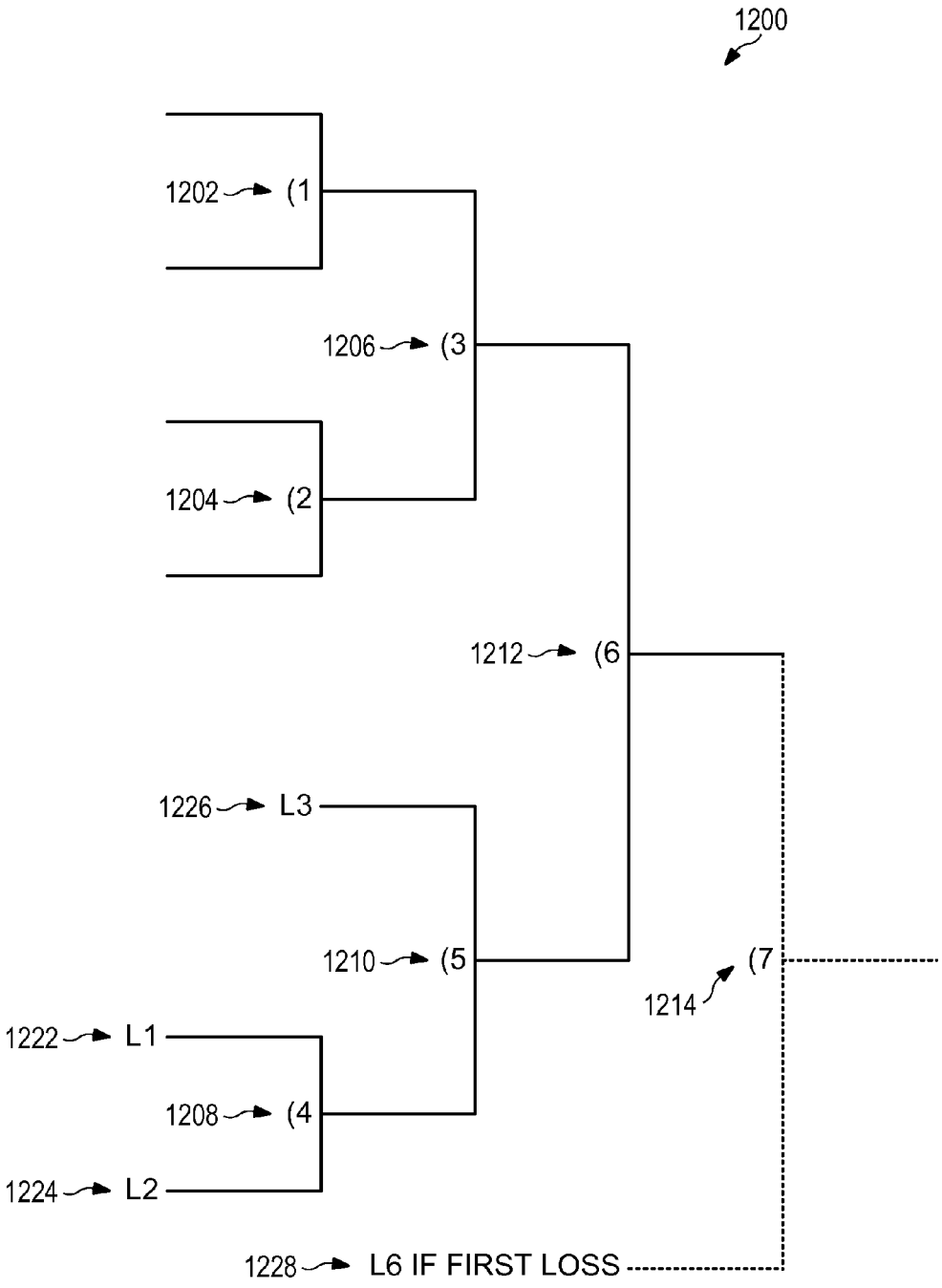
FIG. 11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1202
(1
1206
(3
1204
(2
1212
(6
1226
L3
1210
(5
1214
(7
1222
L1
1208
(4
1224
L2
1228
L6 IF FIRST LOSS

FIG. 12

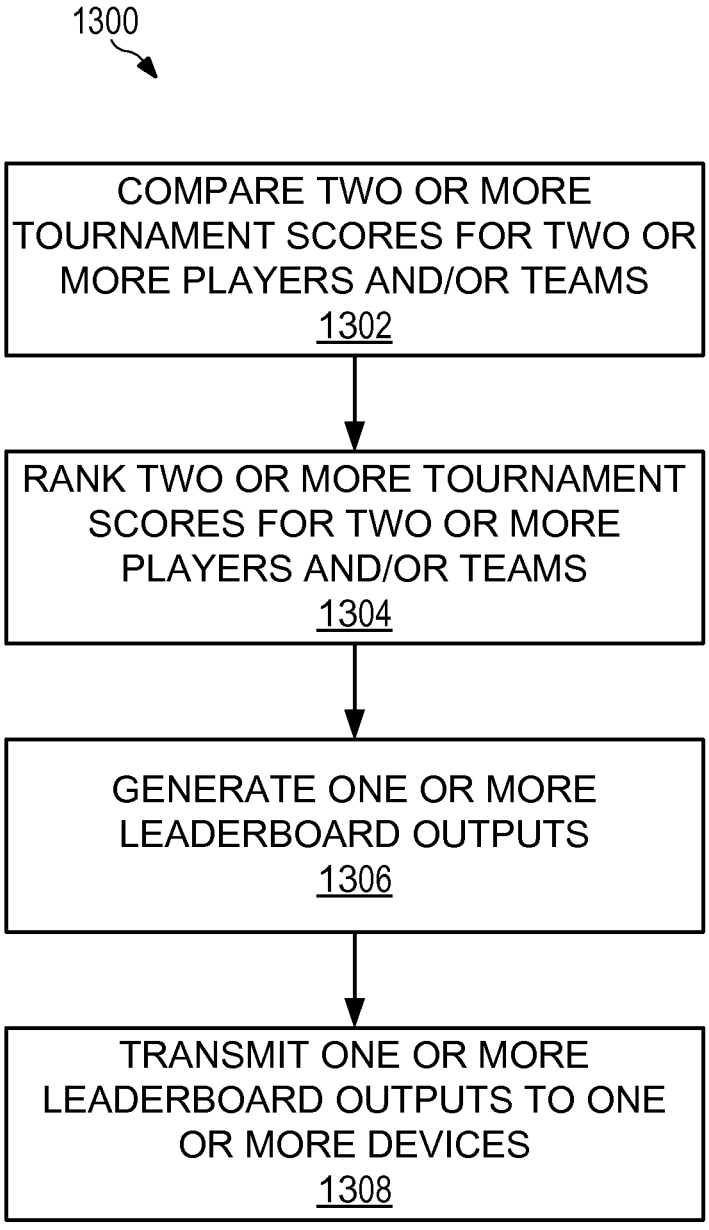
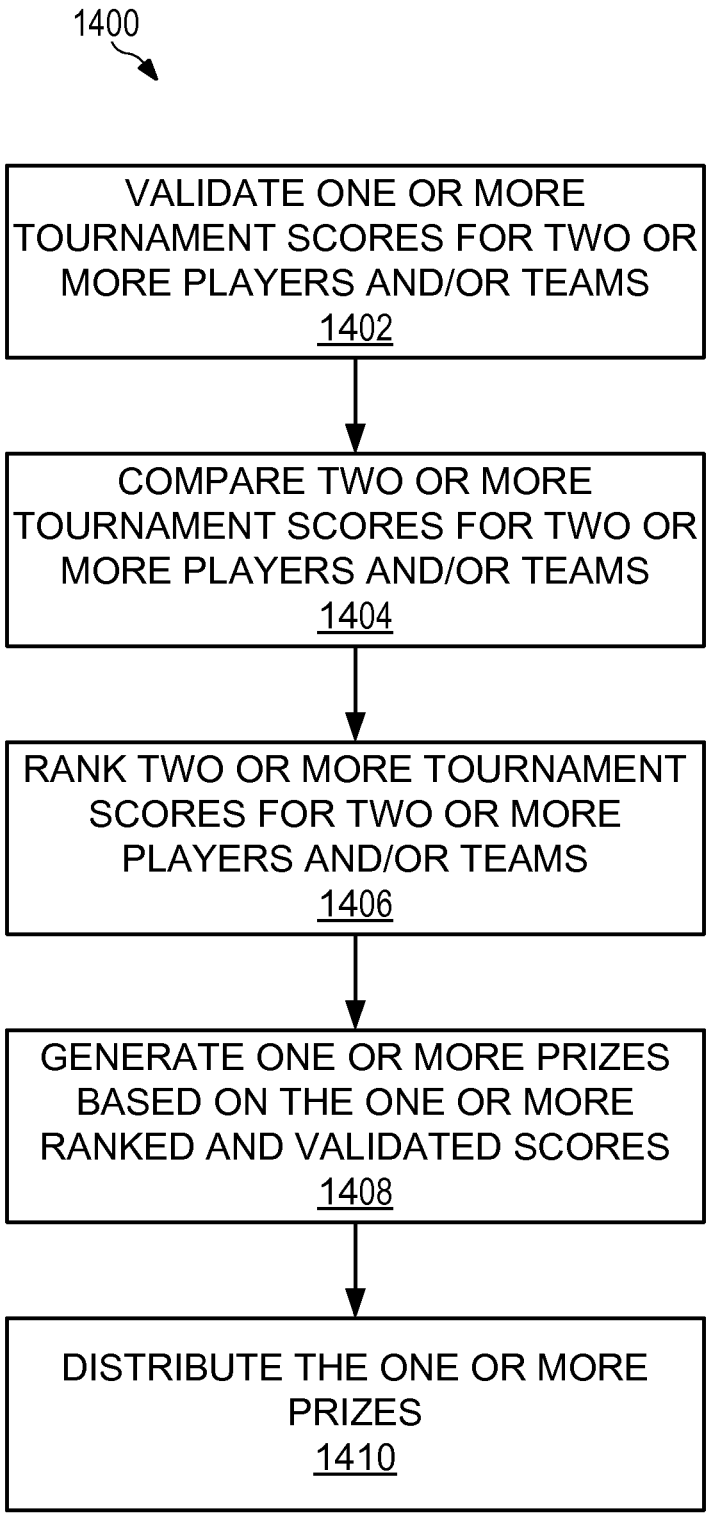

1300
COMPARE TWO OR MORE TOURNAMENT SCORES FOR TWO OR MORE PLAYERS AND/OR TEAMS
1302
RANK TWO OR MORE TOURNAMENT SCORES FOR TWO OR MORE PLAYERS AND/OR TEAMS
1304
GENERATE ONE OR MORE LEADERBOARD OUTPUTS
1306
TRANSMIT ONE OR MORE LEADERBOARD OUTPUTS TO ONE OR MORE DEVICES
1308

FIG. 13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VALIDATE ONE OR MORE TOURNAMENT SCORES FOR TWO OR MORE PLAYERS AND/OR TEAMS
1402
COMPARE TWO OR MORE TOURNAMENT SCORES FOR TWO OR MORE PLAYERS AND/OR TEAMS
1404
RANK TWO OR MORE TOURNAMENT SCORES FOR TWO OR MORE PLAYERS AND/OR TEAMS
1406
GENERATE ONE OR MORE PRIZES BASED ON THE ONE OR MORE RANKED AND VALIDATED SCORES
1408
DISTRIBUTE THE ONE OR MORE PRIZES
1410

FIG. 14

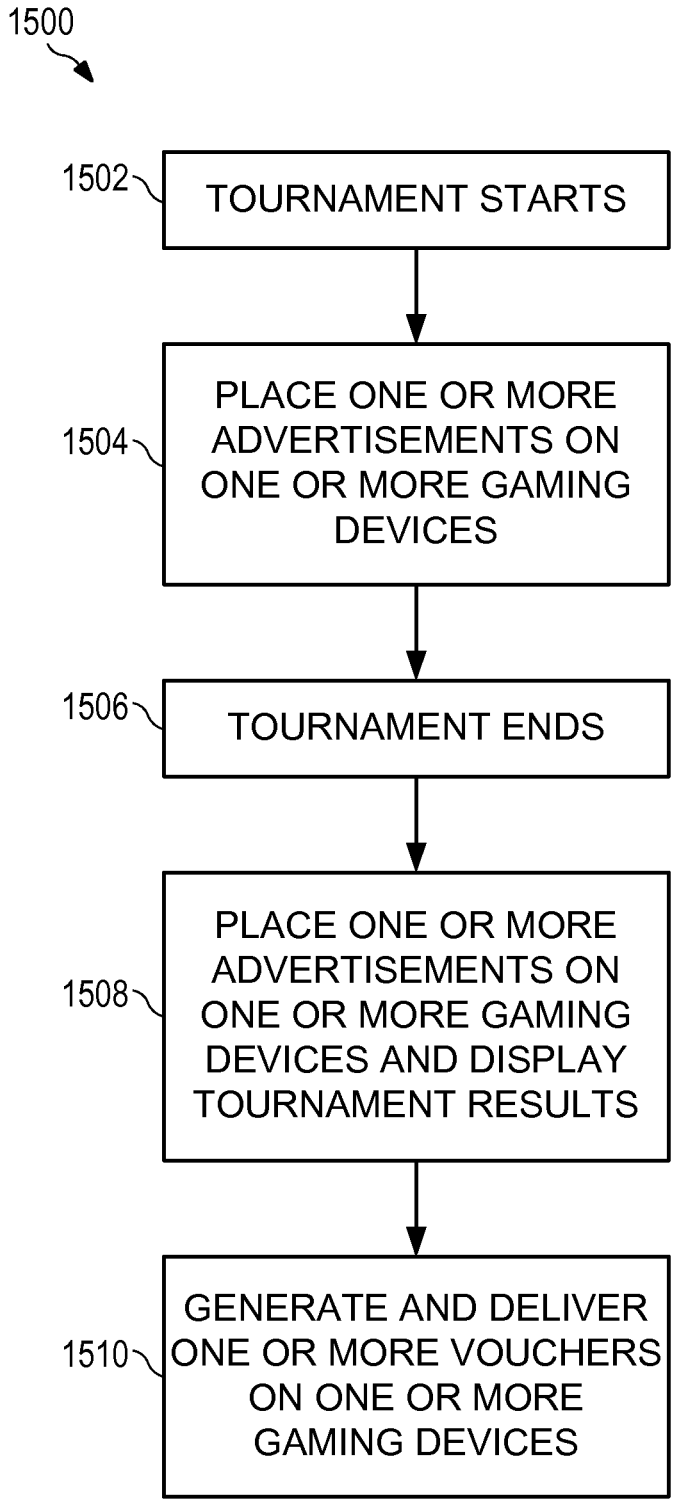

1500
1502
TOURNAMENT STARTS
1504
PLACE ONE OR MORE ADVERTISEMENTS ON ONE OR MORE GAMING DEVICES
1506
TOURNAMENT ENDS
1508
PLACE ONE OR MORE ADVERTISEMENTS ON ONE OR MORE GAMING DEVICES AND DISPLAY TOURNAMENT RESULTS
1510
GENERATE AND DELIVER ONE OR MORE VOUCHERS ON ONE OR MORE GAMING DEVICES

FIG. 15

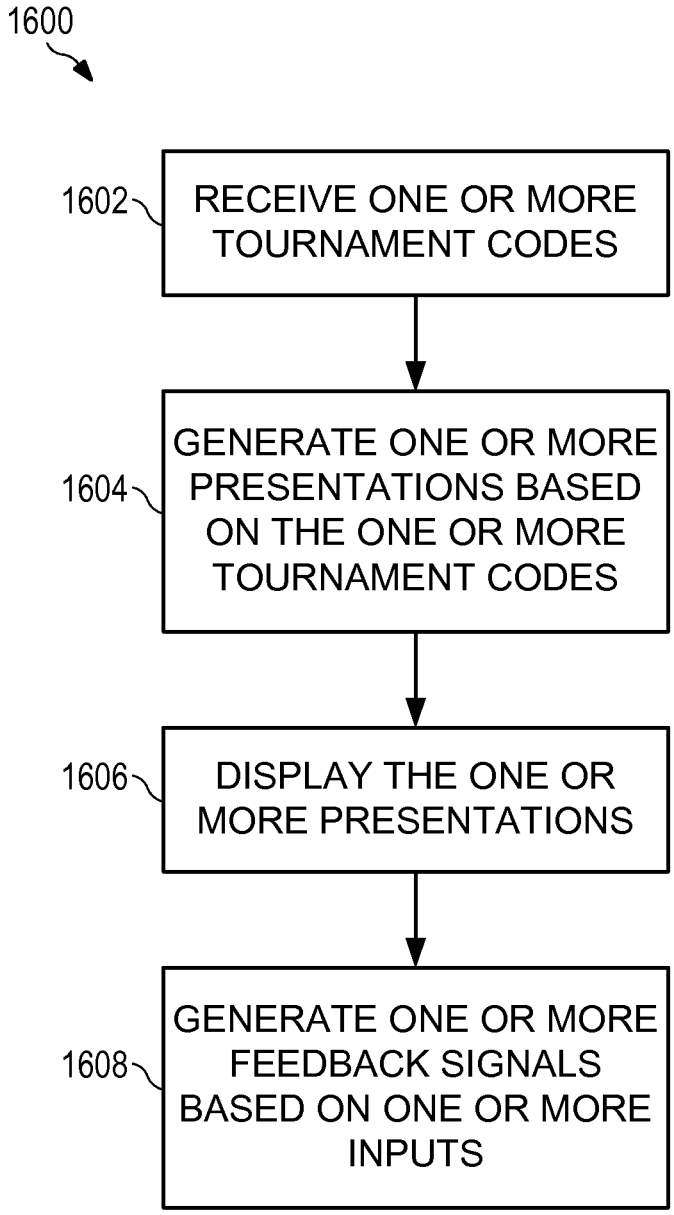

1600
1602
RECEIVE ONE OR MORE TOURNAMENT CODES
1604
GENERATE ONE OR MORE PRESENTATIONS BASED ON THE ONE OR MORE TOURNAMENT CODES
1606
DISPLAY THE ONE OR MORE PRESENTATIONS
1608
GENERATE ONE OR MORE FEEDBACK SIGNALS BASED ON ONE OR MORE INPUTS

FIG. 16

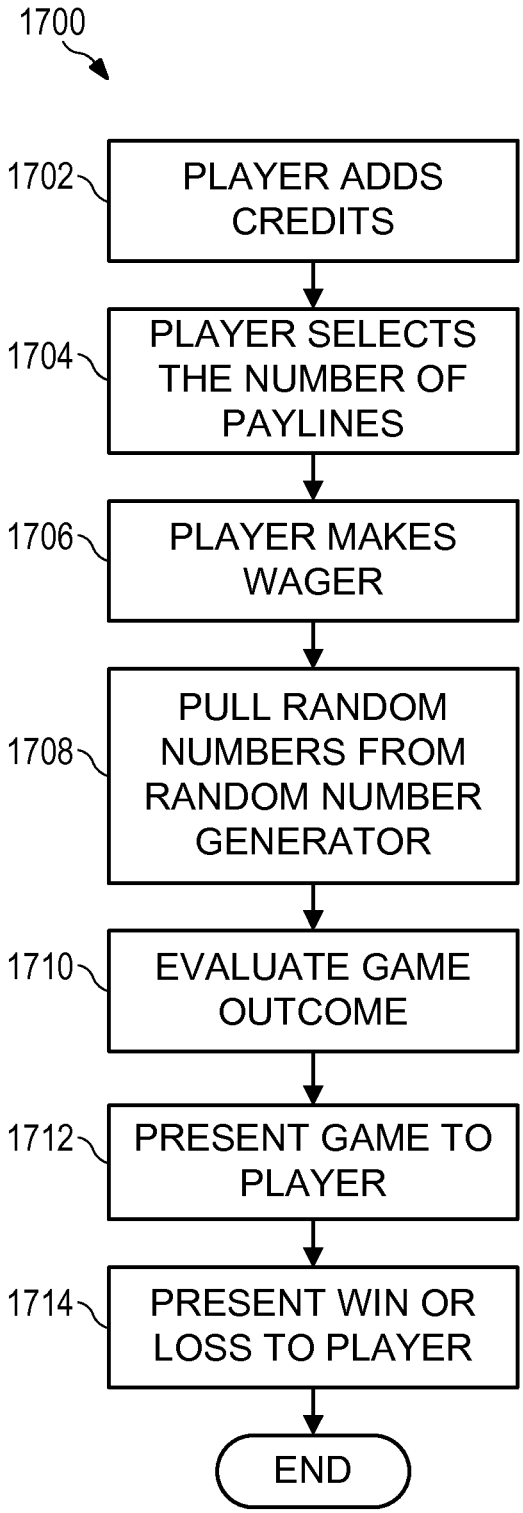

1700
1702
PLAYER ADDS CREDITS
1704
PLAYER SELECTS THE NUMBER OF PAYLINES
1706
PLAYER MAKES WAGER
1708
PULL RANDOM NUMBERS FROM RANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR
1710
EVALUATE GAME OUTCOME
1712
PRESENT GAME TO PLAYER
1714
PRESENT WIN OR LOSS TO PLAYER
END

FIG. 17

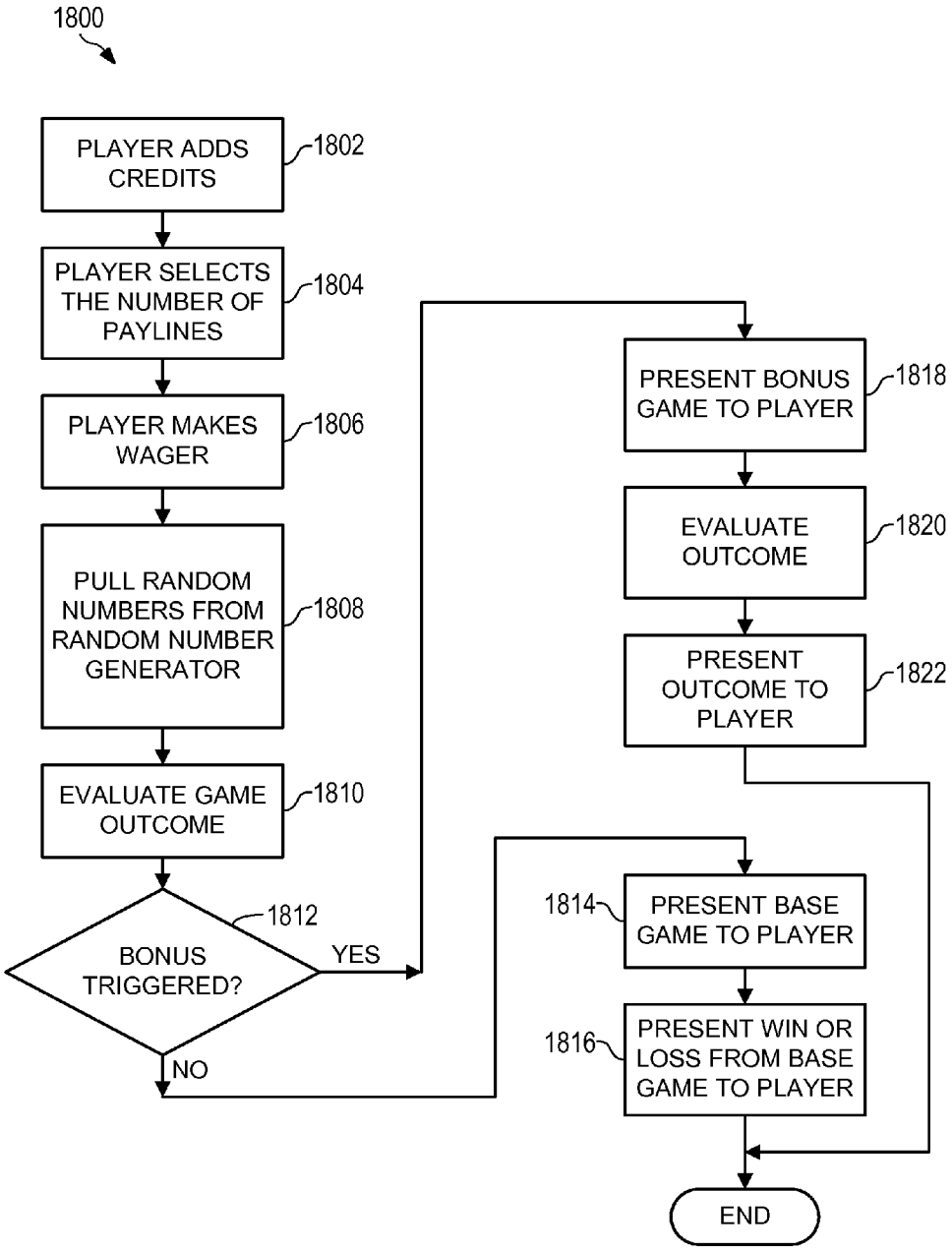
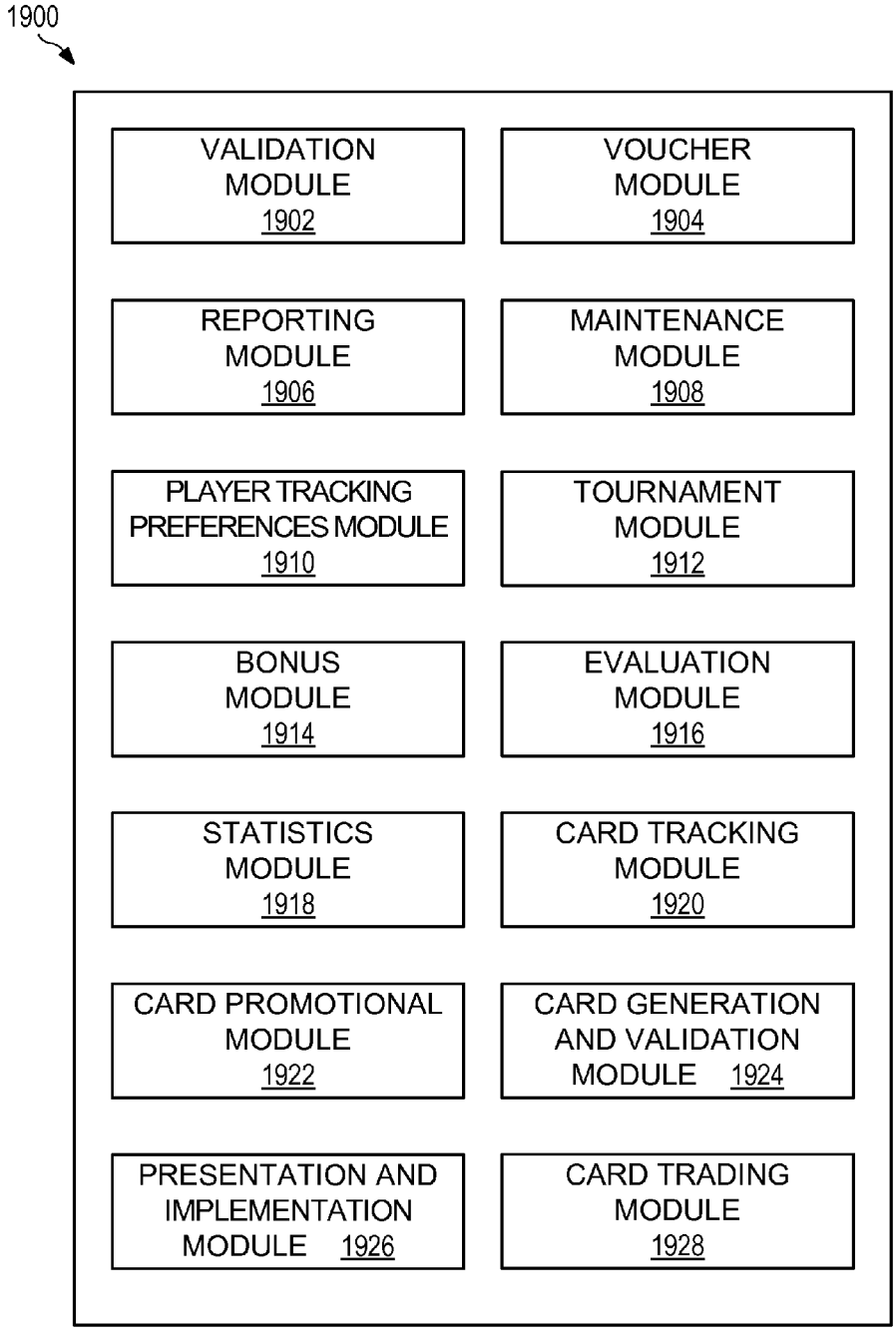

1800
PLAYER ADDS CREDITS
1802
PLAYER SELECTS THE NUMBER OF PAYLINES
1804
PLAYER MAKES WAGER
1806
PULL RANDOM NUMBERS FROM RANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR
1808
EVALUATE GAME OUTCOME
1810
BONUS TRIGGERED?
1812
YES
NO
PRESENT BONUS GAME TO PLAYER
1818
EVALUATE OUTCOME
1820
PRESENT OUTCOME TO PLAYER
1822
1814
PRESENT BASE GAME TO PLAYER
1816
PRESENT WIN OR LOSS FROM BASE GAME TO PLAYER
END

FIG. 18


1900
VALIDATION MODULE 1902
VOUCHER MODULE 1904
REPORTING MODULE 1906
MAINTENANCE MODULE 1908
PLAYER TRACKING PREFERENCES MODULE 1910
TOURNAMENT MODULE 1912
BONUS MODULE 1914
EVALUATION MODULE 1916
STATISTICS MODULE 1918
CARD TRACKING MODULE 1920
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CARD GENERATION AND VALIDATION MODULE 1924
PRESENTATION AND IMPLEMENTATION MODULE 1926
CARD TRADING MODULE 1928

FIG. 19

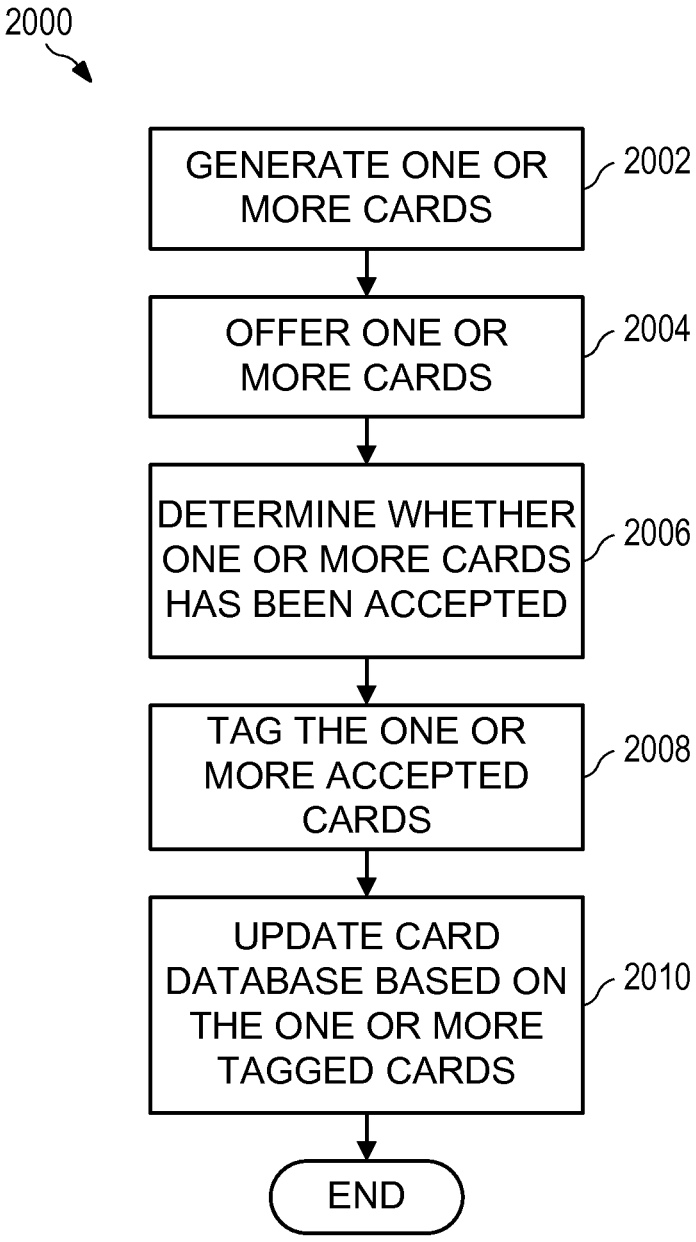

2000
GENERATE ONE OR MORE CARDS
2002
OFFER ONE OR MORE CARDS
2004
DETERMINE WHETHER ONE OR MORE CARDS HAS BEEN ACCEPTED
2006
TAG THE ONE OR MORE ACCEPTED CARDS
2008
UPDATE CARD DATABASE BASED ON THE ONE OR MORE TAGGED CARDS
2010
END

FIG. 20

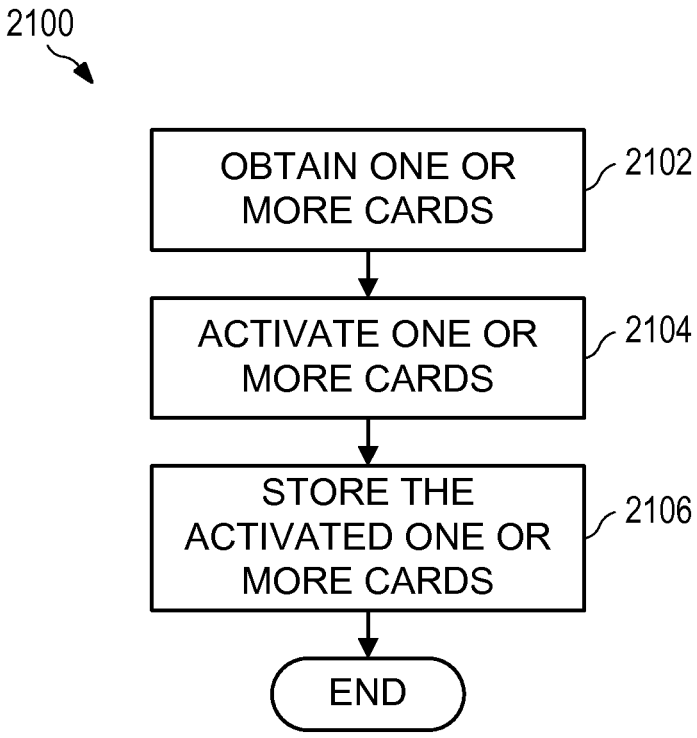

2100
OBTAIN ONE OR MORE CARDS
2102
ACTIVATE ONE OR MORE CARDS
2104
STORE THE ACTIVATED ONE OR MORE CARDS
2106
END

FIG. 21

FIG. 22

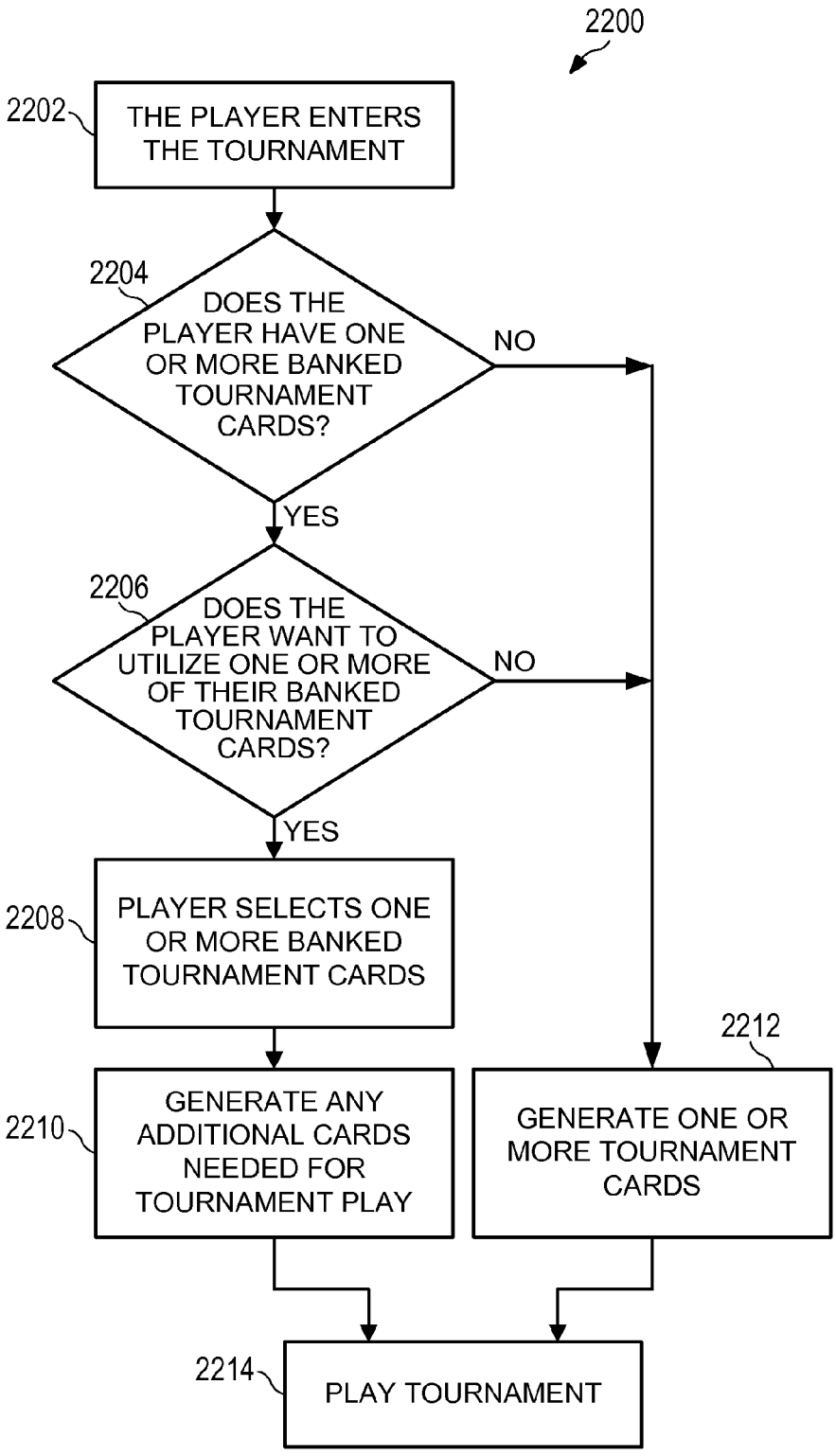

2200
2202
THE PLAYER ENTERS THE TOURNAMENT
2204
DOES THE PLAYER HAVE ONE OR MORE BANKED TOURNAMENT CARDS?
NO
YES
2206
DOES THE PLAYER WANT TO UTILIZE ONE OR MORE OF THEIR BANKED TOURNAMENT CARDS?
NO
YES
2208
PLAYER SELECTS ONE OR MORE BANKED TOURNAMENT CARDS
2210
GENERATE ANY ADDITIONAL CARDS NEEDED FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY
2212
GENERATE ONE OR MORE TOURNAMENT CARDS
2214
PLAY TOURNAMENT

FIG. 23

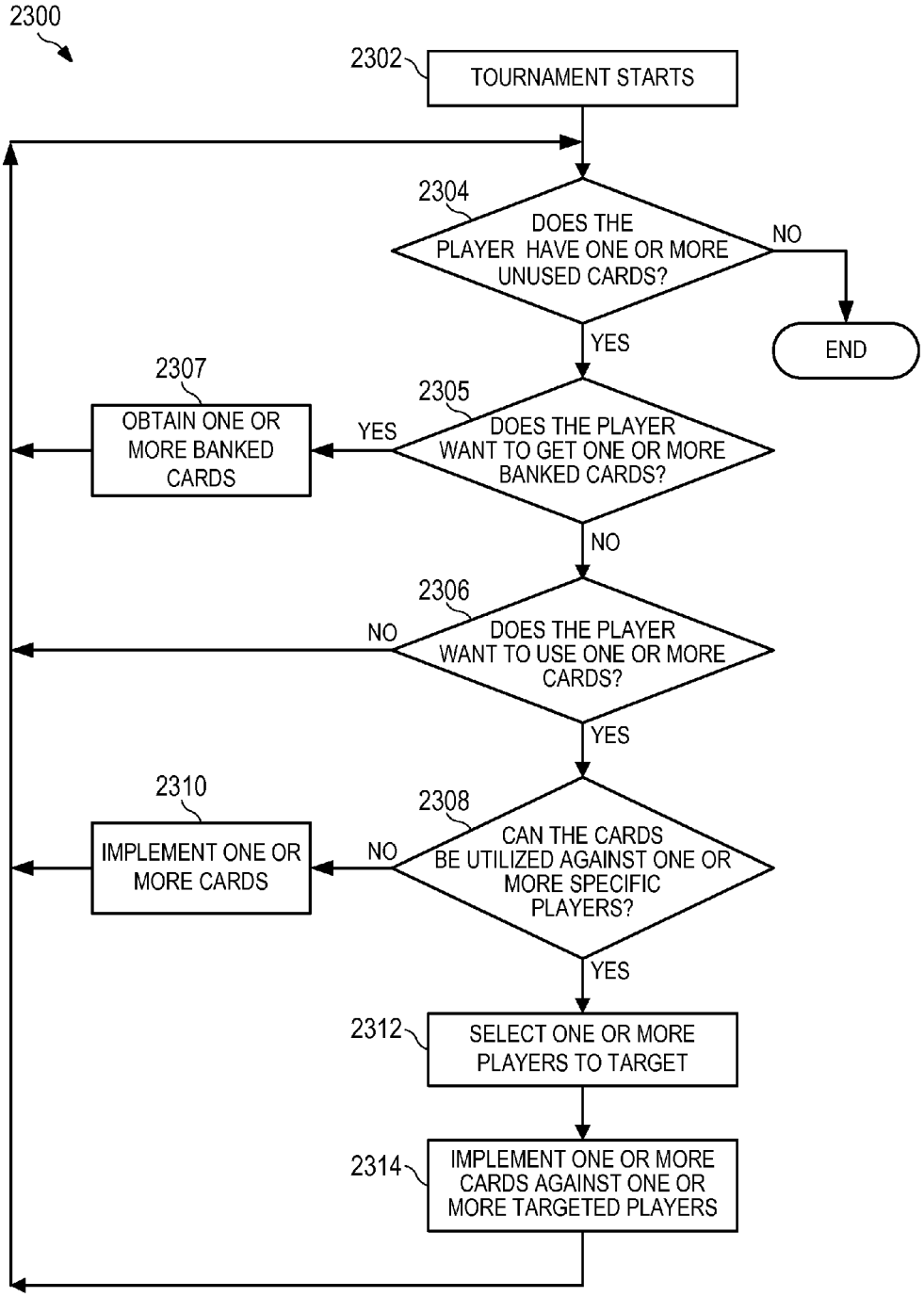

2300
2302
TOURNAMENT STARTS
2304
DOES THE PLAYER HAVE ONE OR MORE UNUSED CARDS?
NO
END
YES
2307
OBTAIN ONE OR MORE BANKED CARDS
2305
DOES THE PLAYER WANT TO GET ONE OR MORE BANKED CARDS?
YES
NO
2306
DOES THE PLAYER WANT TO USE ONE OR MORE CARDS?
NO
YES
2310
IMPLEMENT ONE OR MORE CARDS
2308
CAN THE CARDS BE UTILIZED AGAINST ONE OR MORE SPECIFIC PLAYERS?
NO
YES
2312
SELECT ONE OR MORE PLAYERS TO TARGET
2314
IMPLEMENT ONE OR MORE CARDS AGAINST ONE OR MORE TARGETED PLAYERS

FIG. 24A

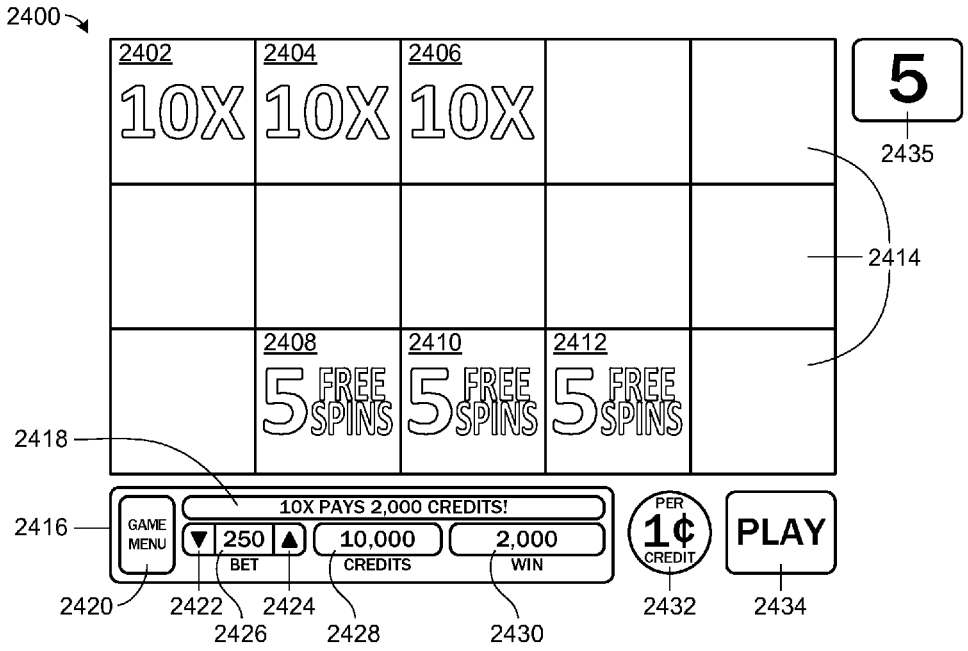


FIG. 24B

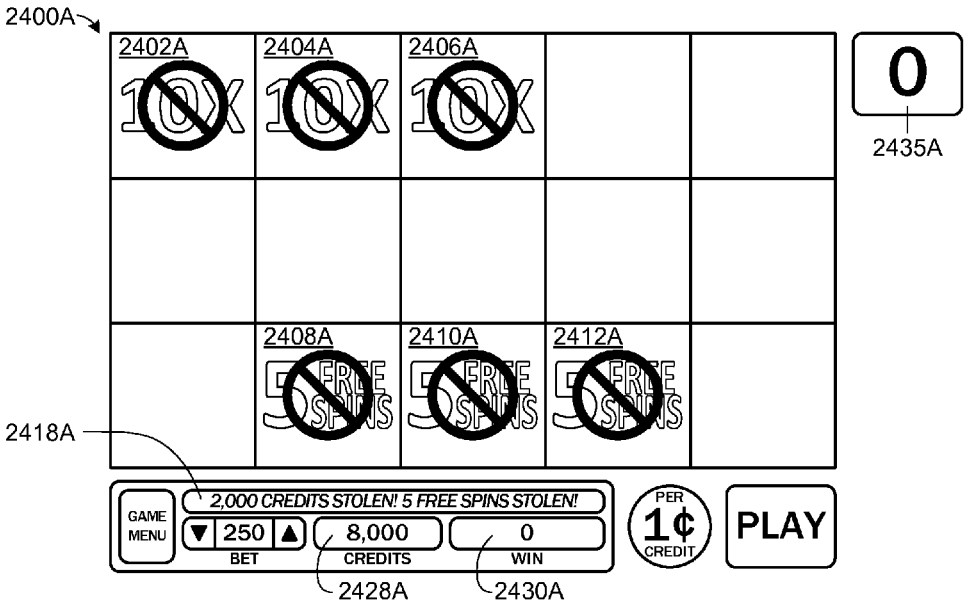


FIG. 25A

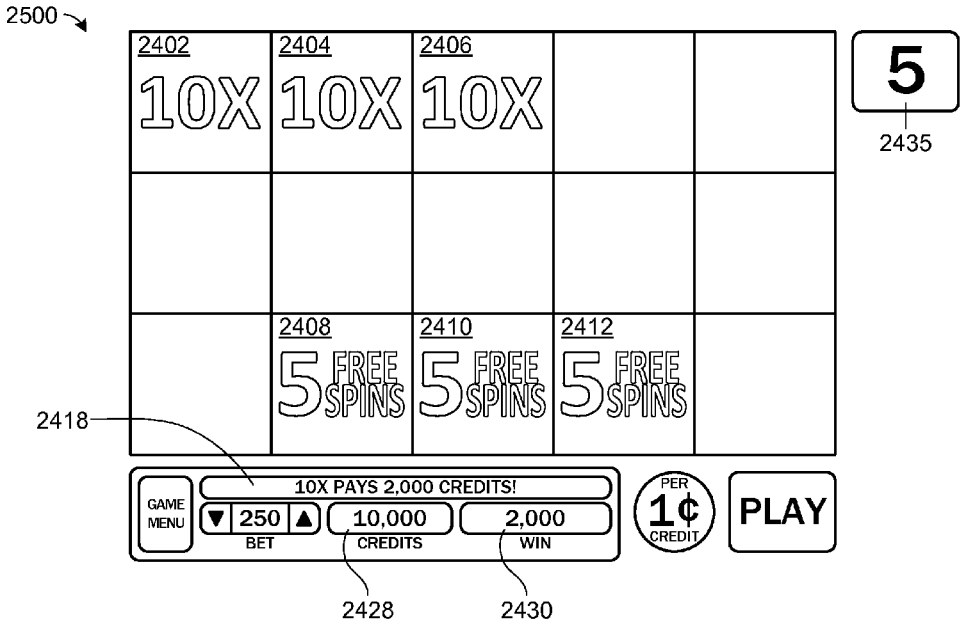
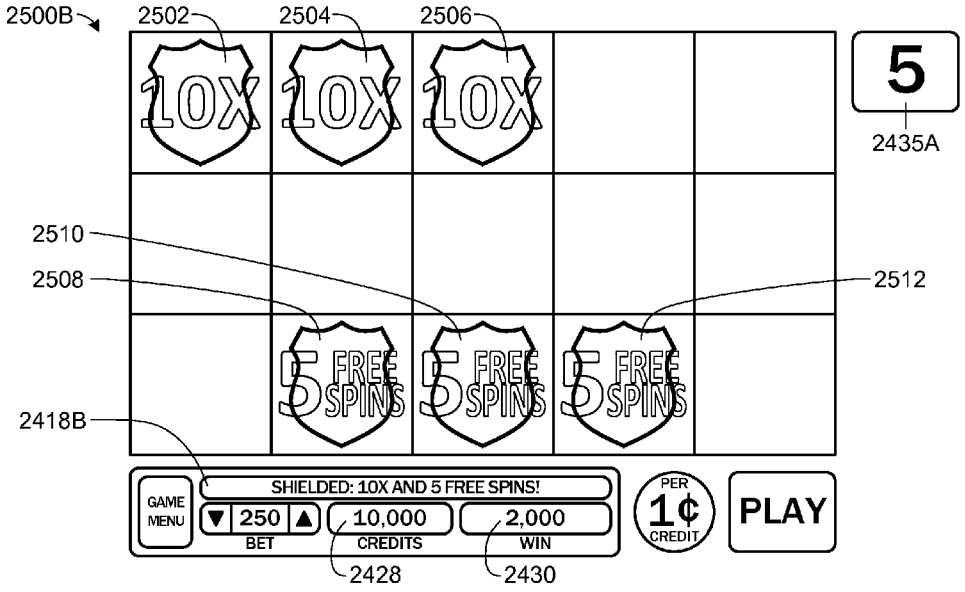


FIG. 25B



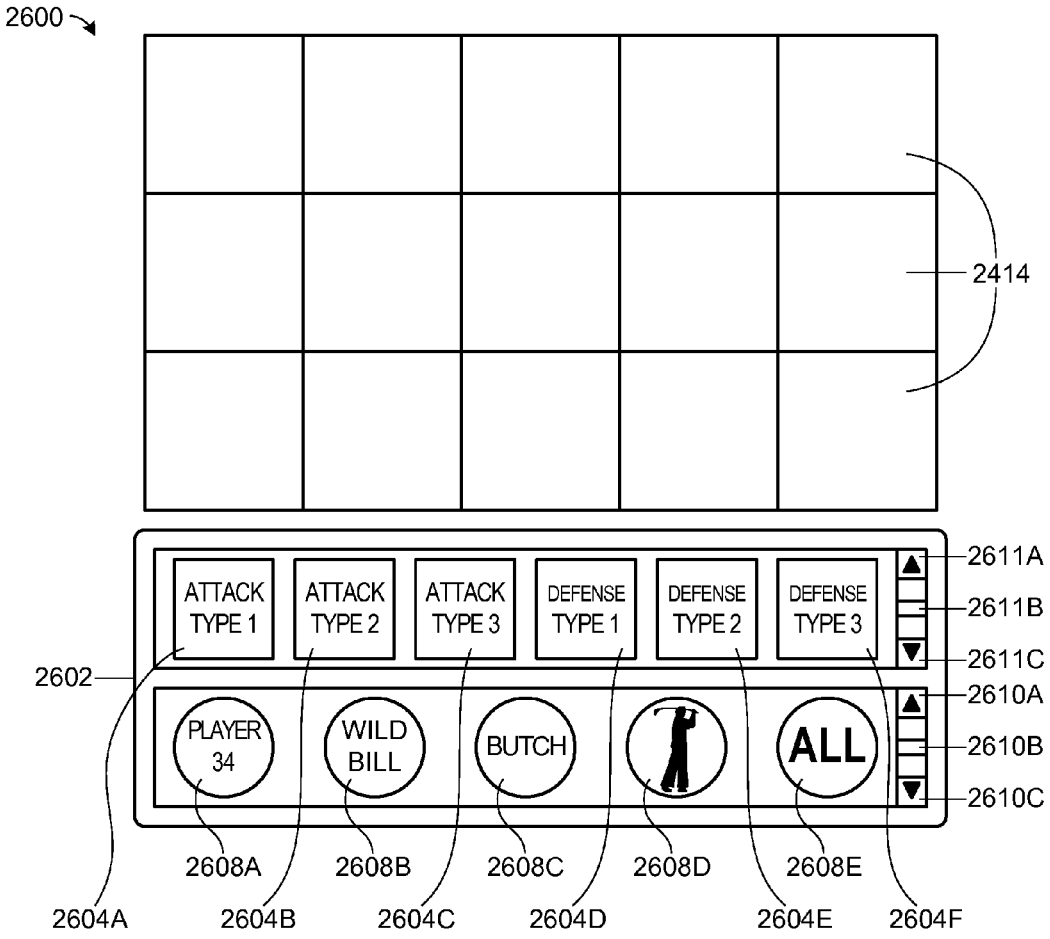

2600
2414
ATTACK TYPE 1
ATTACK TYPE 2
ATTACK TYPE 3
DEFENSE TYPE 1
DEFENSE TYPE 2
DEFENSE TYPE 3
2611A
2611B
2611C
2602
PLAYER 34
WILD BILL
BUTCH
ALL
2610A
2610B
2610C
2608A
2608B
2608C
2608D
2608E
2604A
2604B
2604C
2604D
2604E
2604F

FIG. 26A

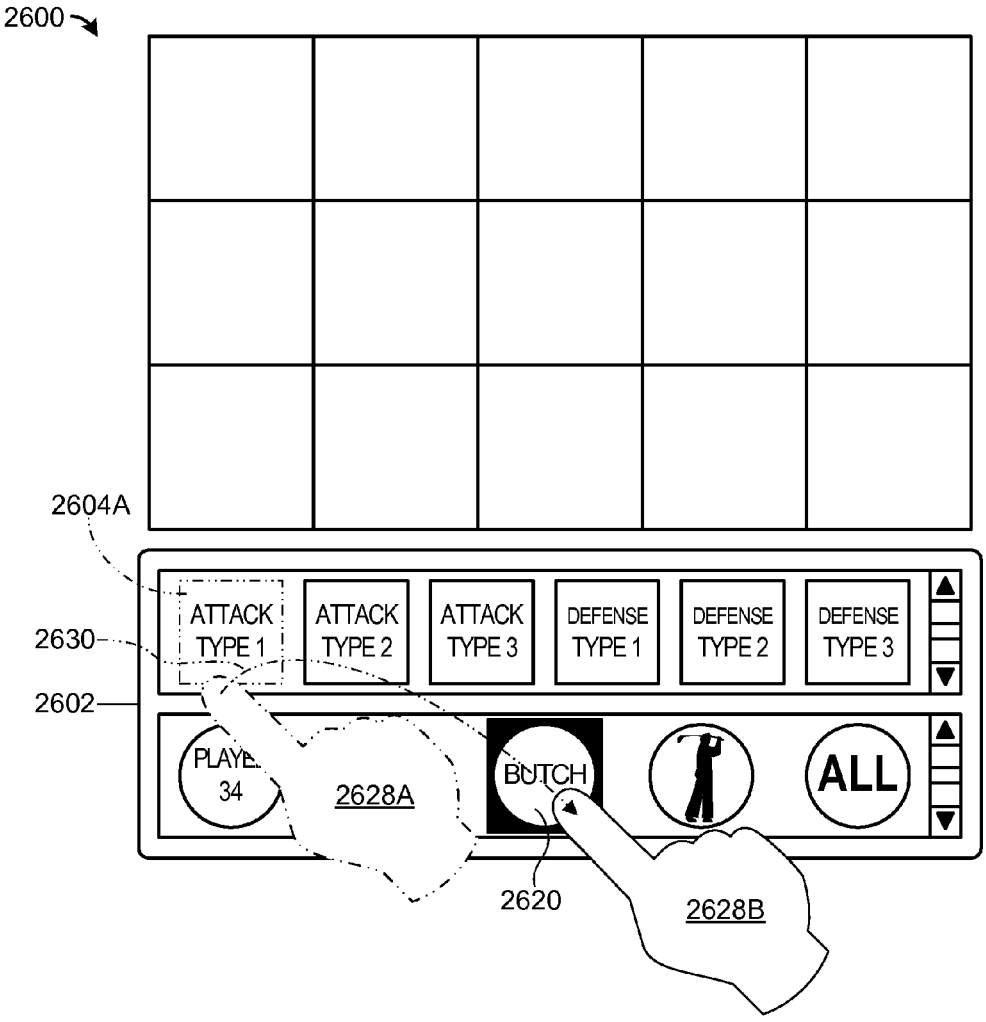

2600
2604A
2630
2602
ATTACK TYPE 1
ATTACK TYPE 2
ATTACK TYPE 3
DEFENSE TYPE 1
DEFENSE TYPE 2
DEFENSE TYPE 3
PLAYE
34
2628A
BUTCH
ALL
2620
2628B

FIG. 26B

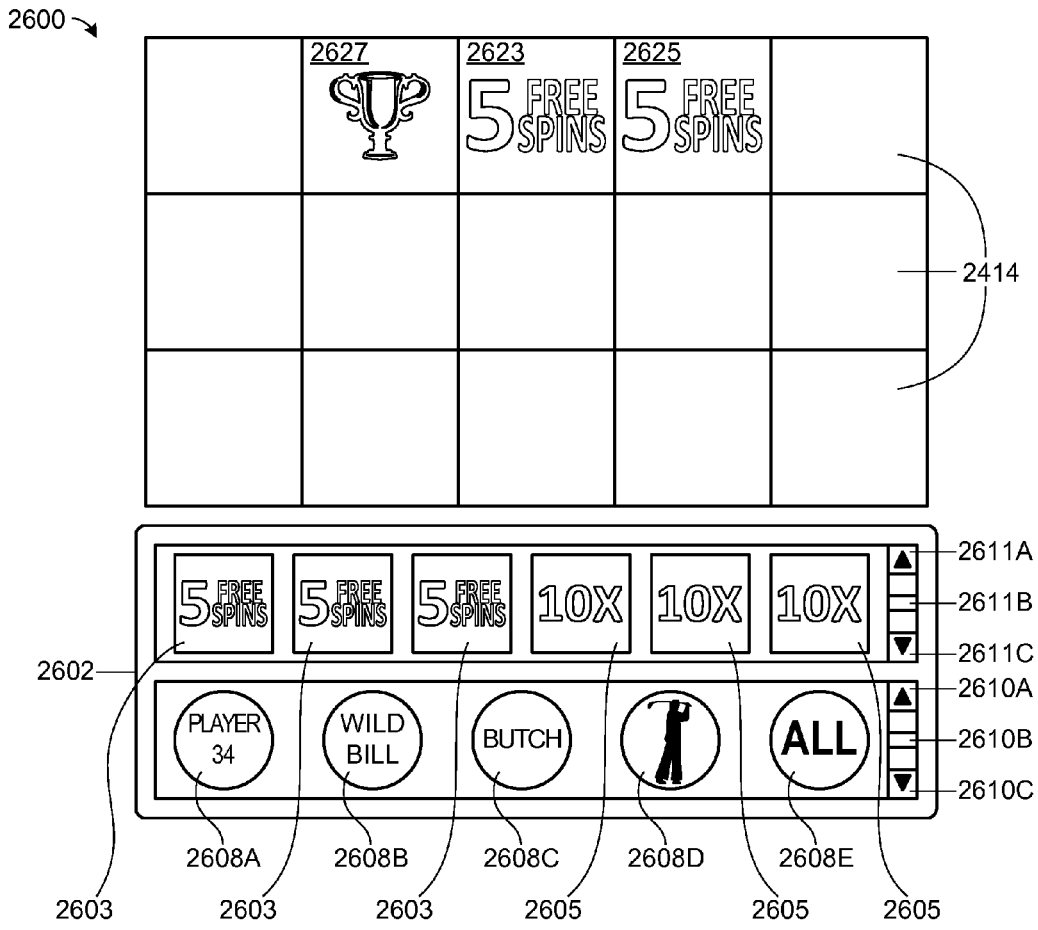

2600
2627
2623
5 FREE SPINS
2625
5 FREE SPINS
2414
5 FREE SPINS
5 FREE SPINS
5 FREE SPINS
10X
10X
10X
2611A
2611B
2611C
2602
2610A
2610B
2610C
PLAYER 34
WILD BILL
BUTCH
ALL
2608A
2608B
2608C
2608D
2608E
2603
2603
2603
2605
2605
2605

FIG. 26C

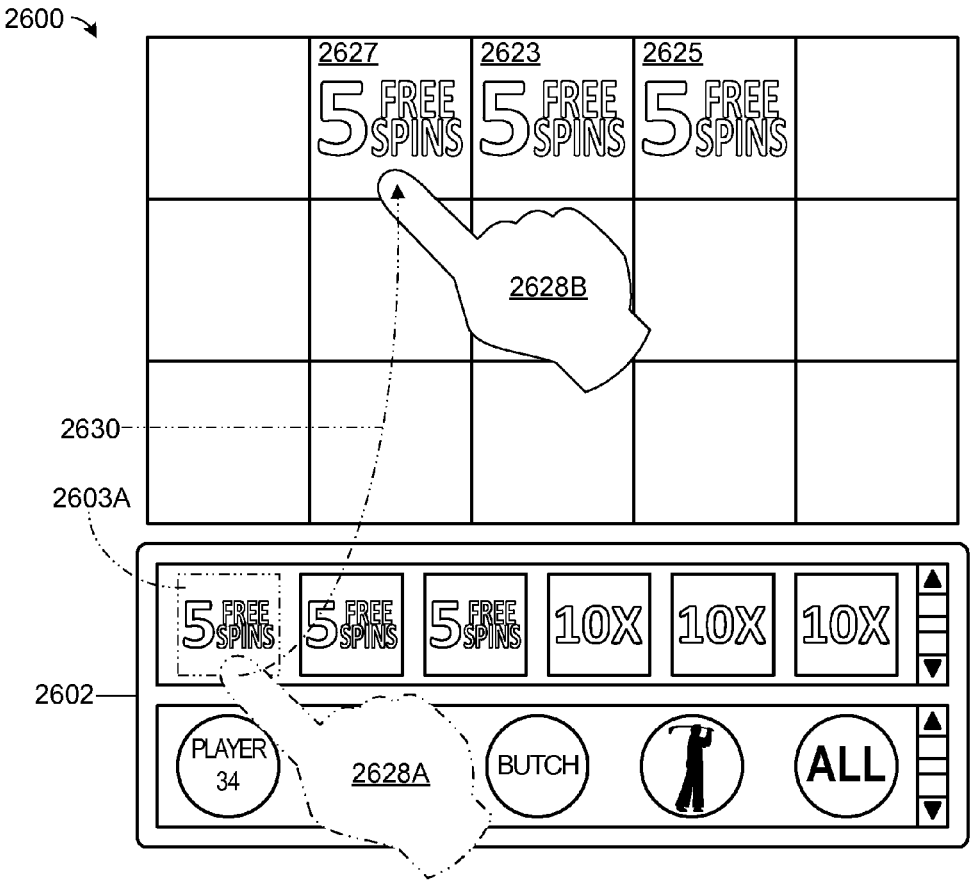

2600
2627
2623
2625
5 FREE SPINS
5 FREE SPINS
5 FREE SPINS
2628B
2630
2603A
5 FREE SPINS
5 FREE SPINS
5 FREE SPINS
10X
10X
10X
2602
PLAYER 34
2628A
BUTCH
ALL

FIG. 26D

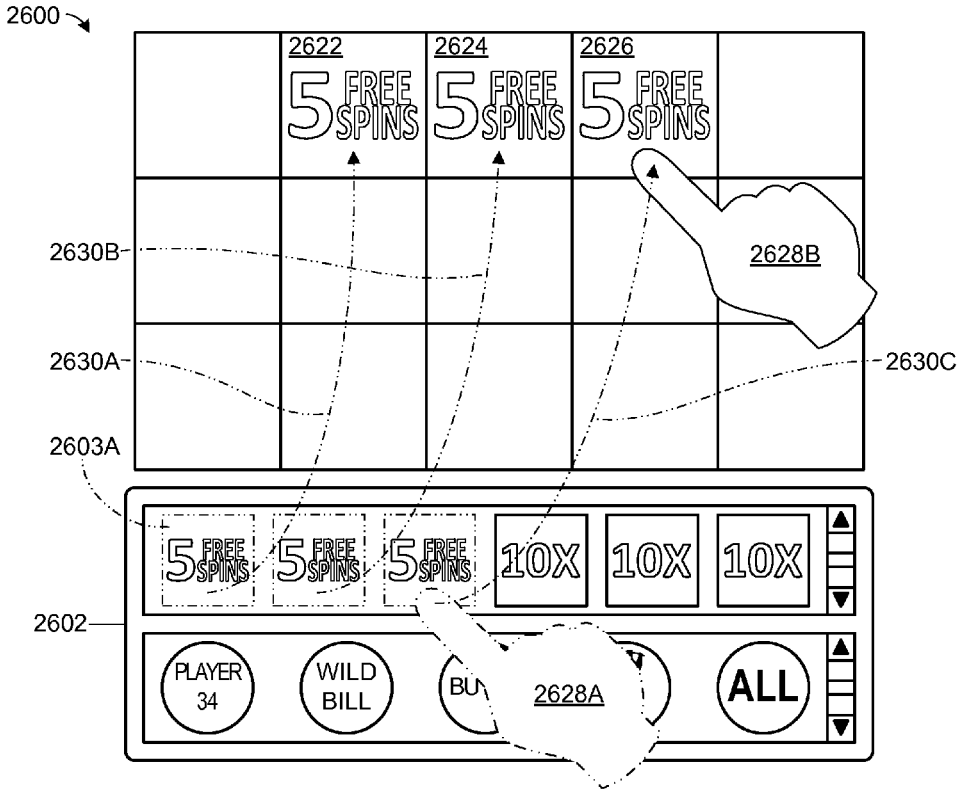

2600
2622
2624
2626
5 FREE SPINS
5 FREE SPINS
5 FREE SPINS
2628B
2630B
2630A
2630C
2603A
5 FREE SPINS
5 FREE SPINS
5 FREE SPINS
10X
10X
10X
2602
PLAYER 34
WILD BILL
2628A
ALL

FIG. 26E

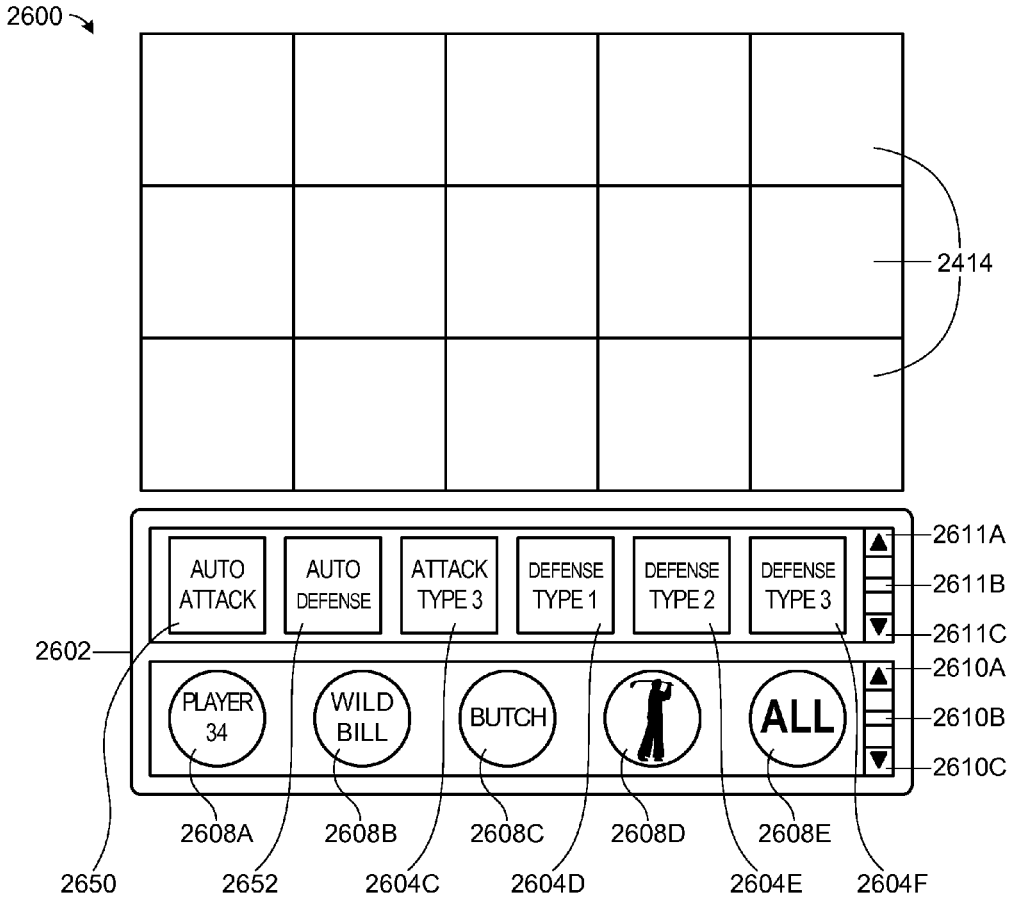

2600
2414
AUTO ATTACK
AUTO DEFENSE
ATTACK TYPE 3
DEFENSE TYPE 1
DEFENSE TYPE 2
DEFENSE TYPE 3
2611A
2611B
2611C
2602
2610A
PLAYER 34
WILD BILL
BUTCH
ALL
2610B
2610C
2608A
2608B
2608C
2608D
2608E
2650
2652
2604C
2604D
2604E
2604F

FIG. 26F

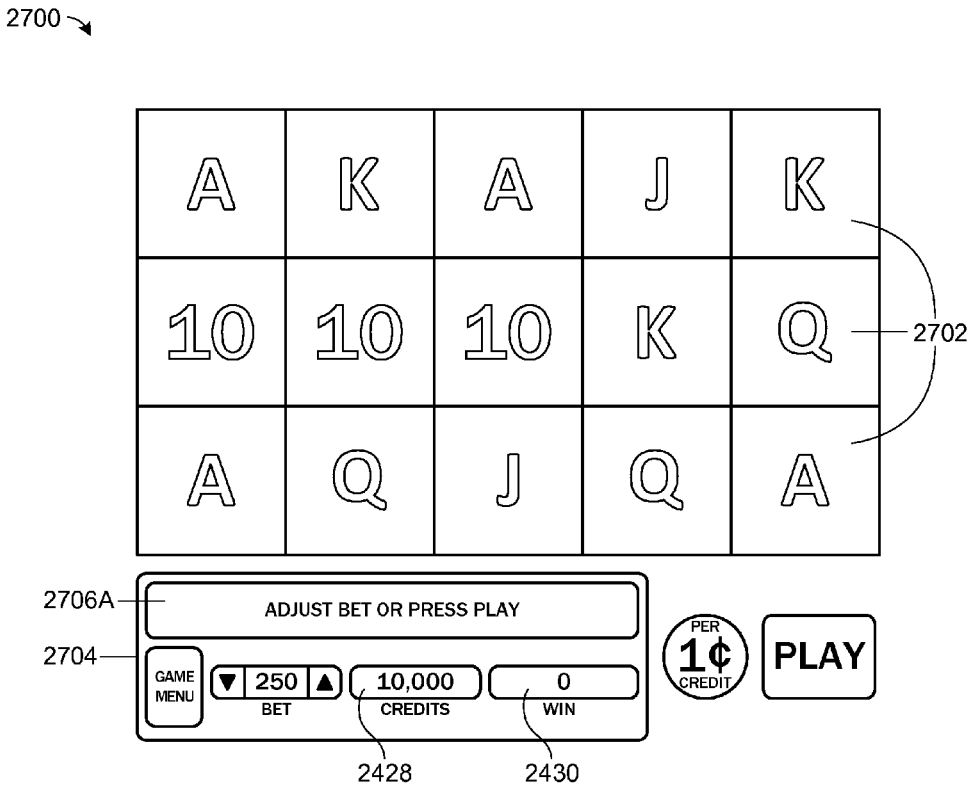

2700
A K A J K
10 10 10 K Q
A Q J Q A
2702
2706A
ADJUST BET OR PRESS PLAY
2704
GAME MENU
250
BET
10,000
CREDITS
0
WIN
PER 1¢ CREDIT
PLAY
2428
2430

FIG. 27A

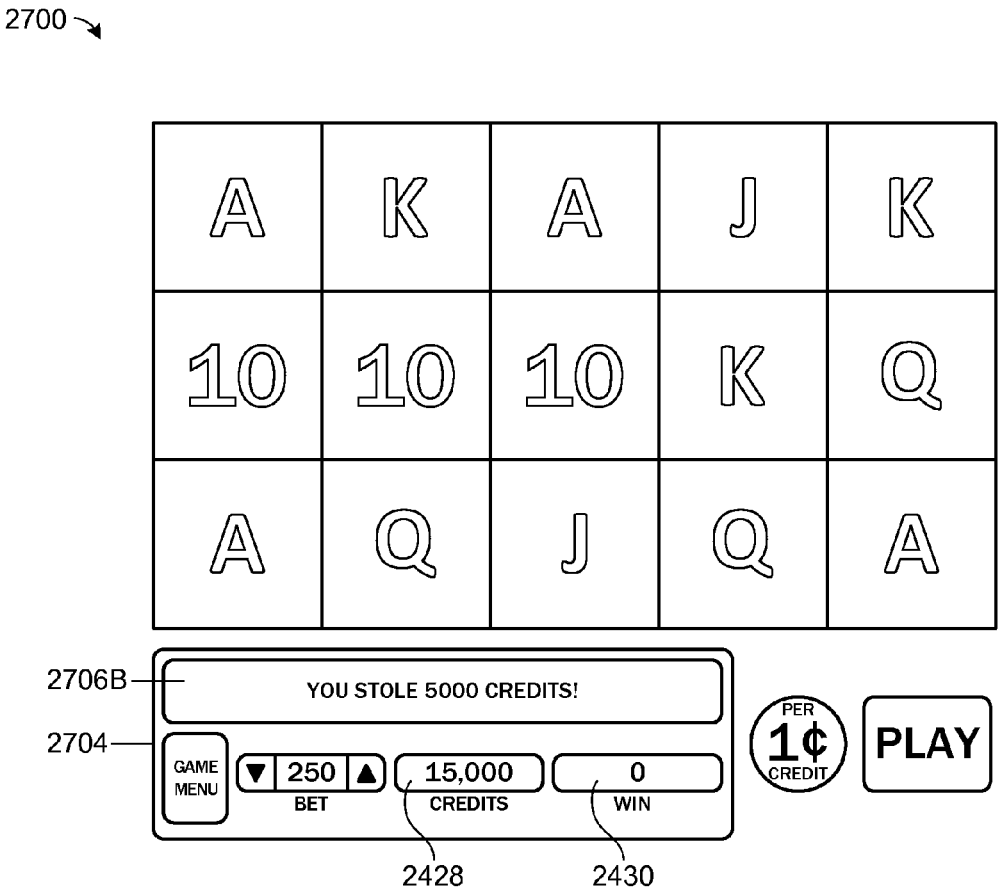

2700
A K A J K
10 10 10 K Q
A Q J Q A
2706B
YOU STOLE 5000 CREDITS!
2704
GAME MENU
250
BET
15,000
CREDITS
0
WIN
PER 1¢ CREDIT
PLAY
2428
2430

FIG. 27B

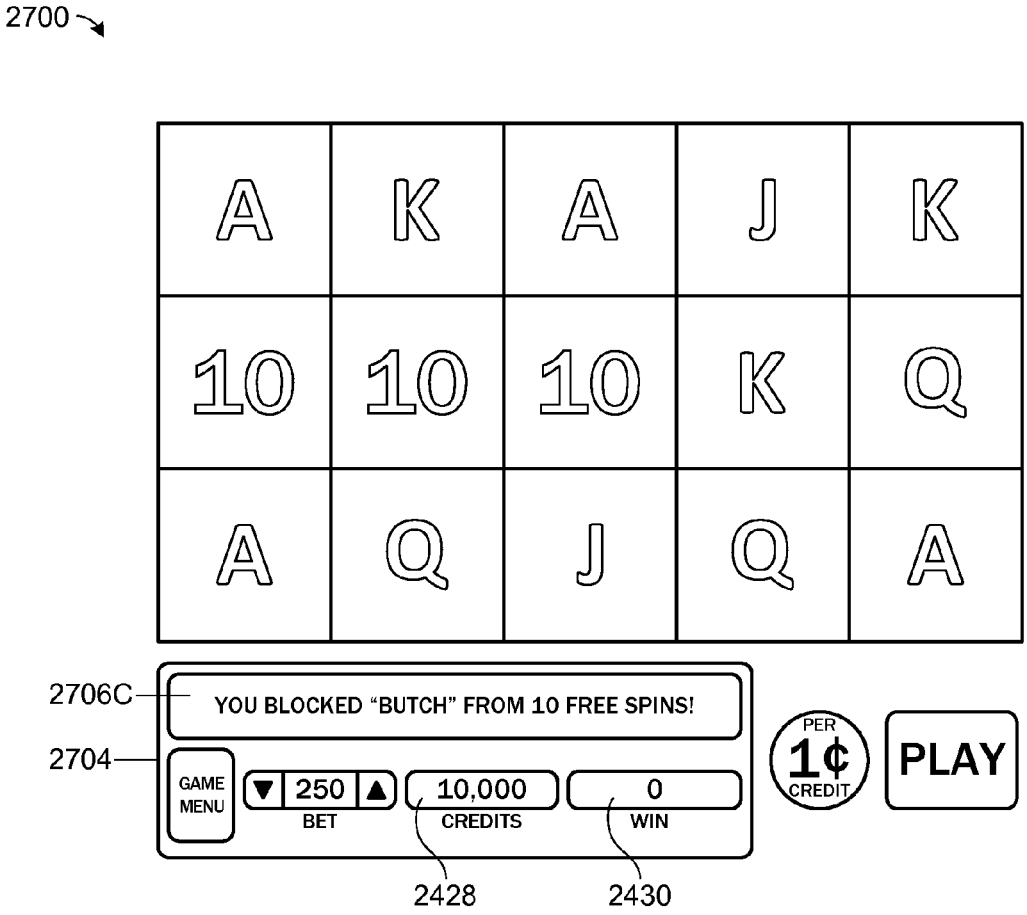

2700
A K A J K
10 10 10 K Q
A Q J Q A
2706C
YOU BLOCKED "BUTCH" FROM 10 FREE SPINS!
2704
GAME MENU
250
BET
10,000
CREDITS
0
WIN
PER 1¢ CREDIT
PLAY
2428
2430

FIG. 27C

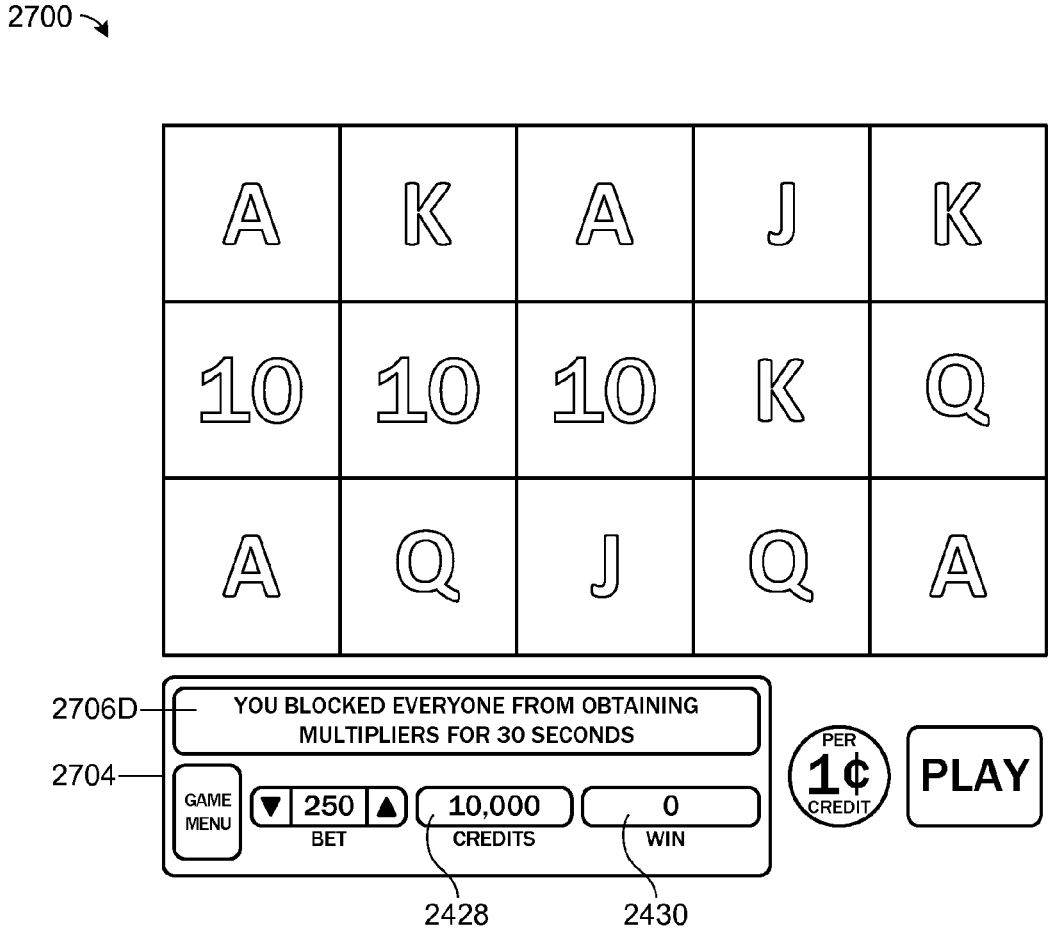

2700
A K A J K
10 10 10 K Q
A Q J Q A
2706D
YOU BLOCKED EVERYONE FROM OBTAINING MULTIPLIERS FOR 30 SECONDS
2704
GAME MENU
250
BET
10,000
CREDITS
0
WIN
PER 1¢ CREDIT
PLAY
2428
2430

FIG. 27D

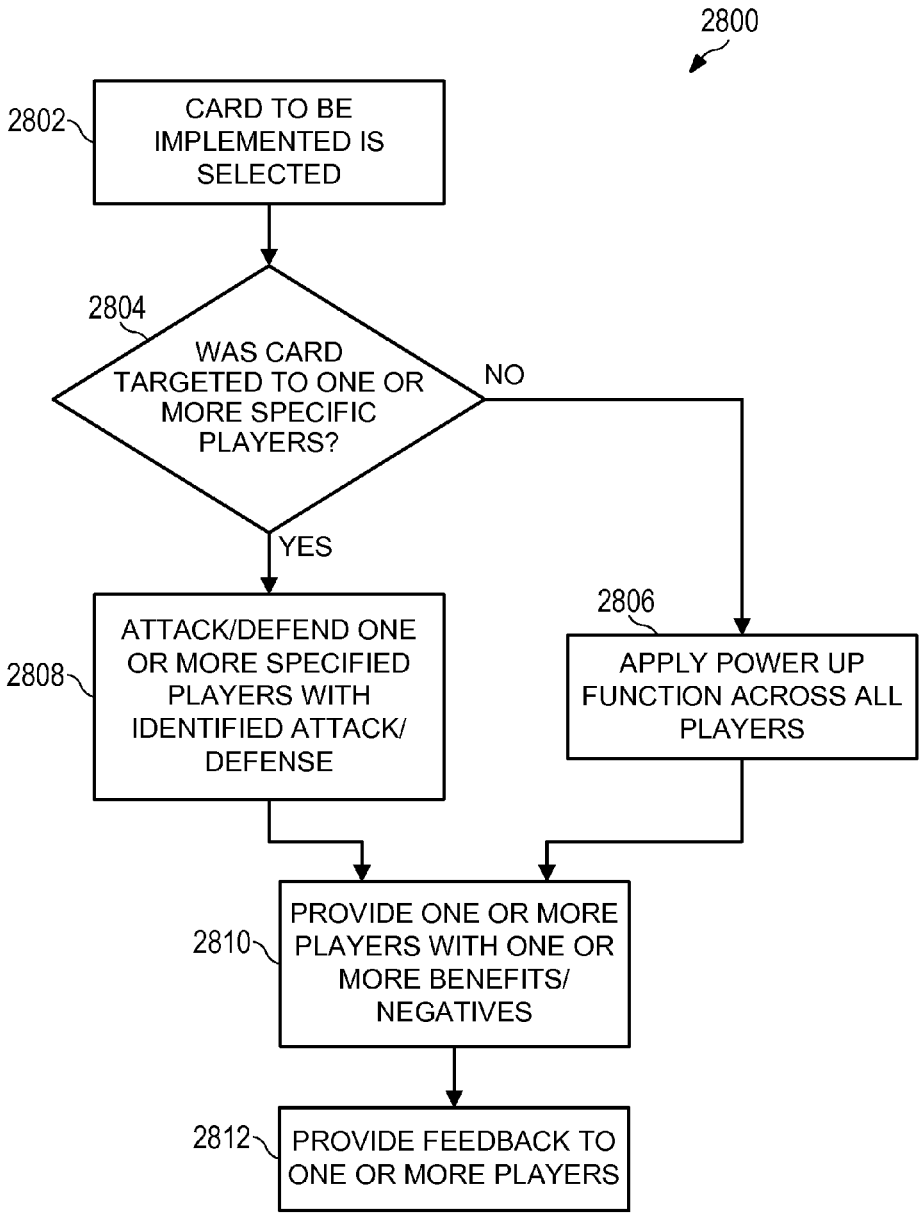

2800
2802
CARD TO BE IMPLEMENTED IS SELECTED
2804
WAS CARD TARGETED TO ONE OR MORE SPECIFIC PLAYERS?
NO
YES
2806
APPLY POWER UP FUNCTION ACROSS ALL PLAYERS
2808
ATTACK/DEFEND ONE OR MORE SPECIFIED PLAYERS WITH IDENTIFIED ATTACK/ DEFENSE
2810
PROVIDE ONE OR MORE PLAYERS WITH ONE OR MORE BENEFITS/ NEGATIVES
2812
PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO ONE OR MORE PLAYERS

FIG. 28

FIG. 29

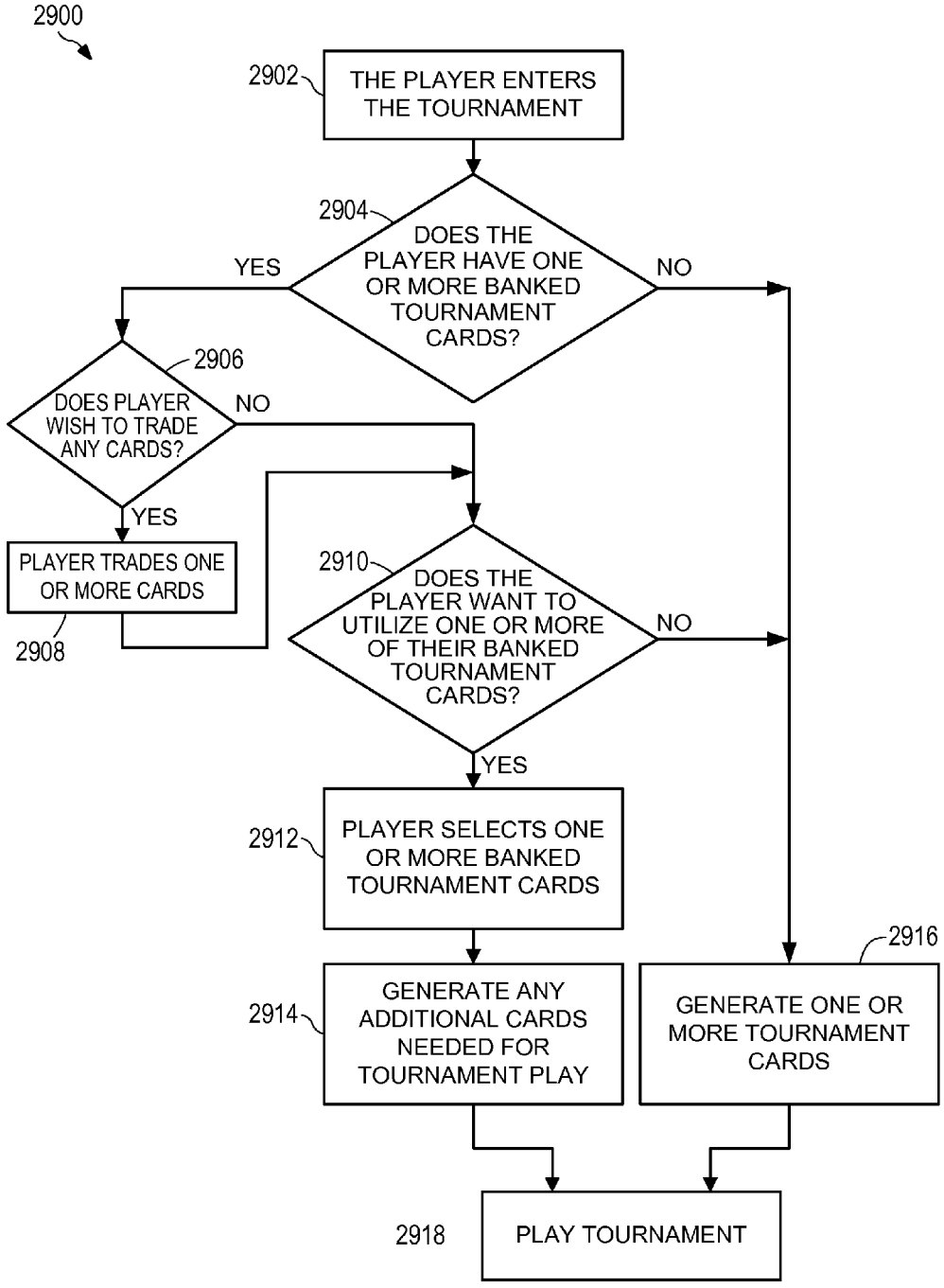

2900
2902
THE PLAYER ENTERS THE TOURNAMENT
2904
DOES THE PLAYER HAVE ONE OR MORE BANKED TOURNAMENT CARDS?
YES
NO
2906
DOES PLAYER WISH TO TRADE ANY CARDS?
NO
YES
PLAYER TRADES ONE OR MORE CARDS
2908
2910
DOES THE PLAYER WANT TO UTILIZE ONE OR MORE OF THEIR BANKED TOURNAMENT CARDS?
NO
YES
2912
PLAYER SELECTS ONE OR MORE BANKED TOURNAMENT CARDS
2914
GENERATE ANY ADDITIONAL CARDS NEEDED FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY
2916
GENERATE ONE OR MORE TOURNAMENT CARDS
2918
PLAY TOURNAMENT

FIG. 30A

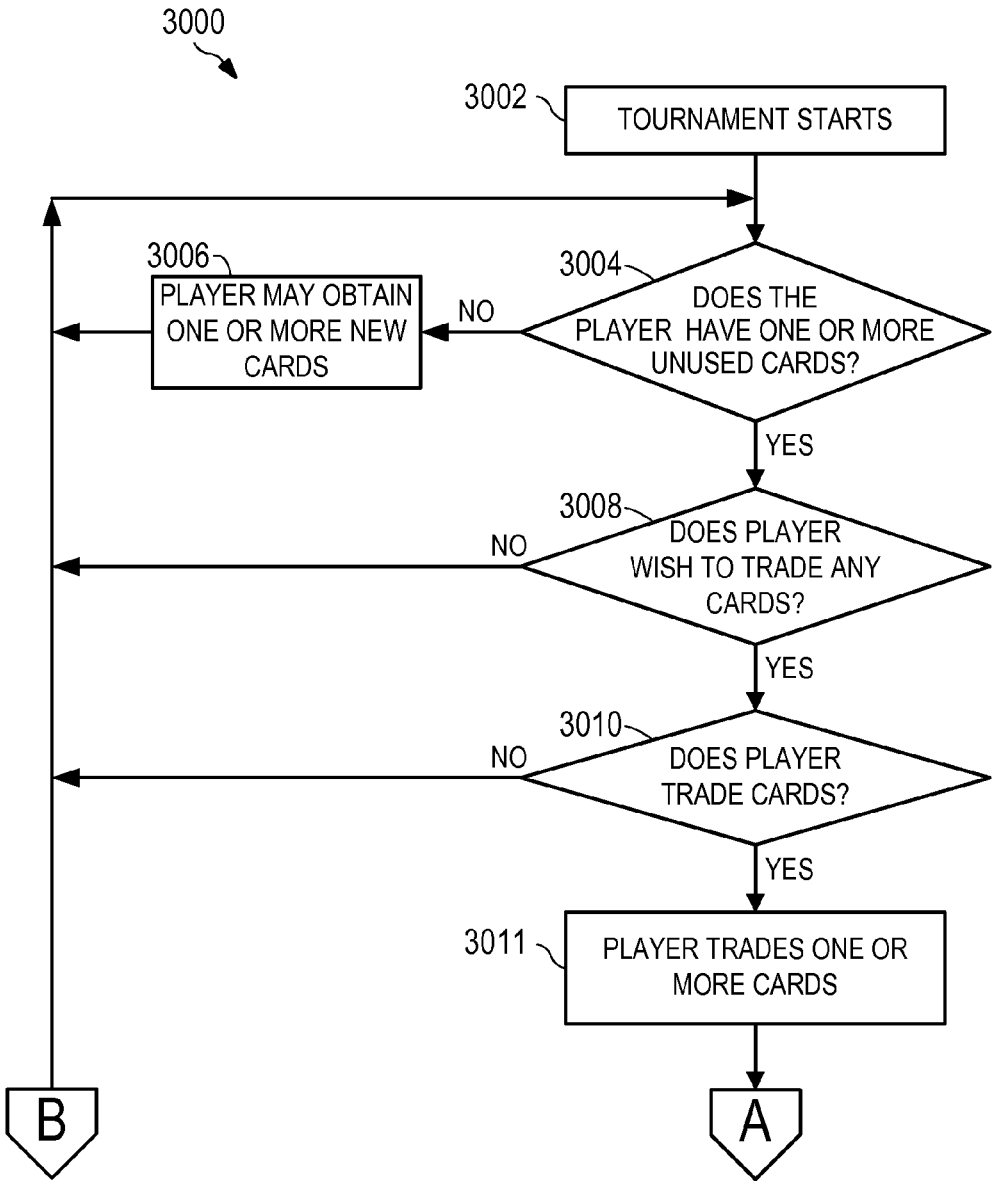
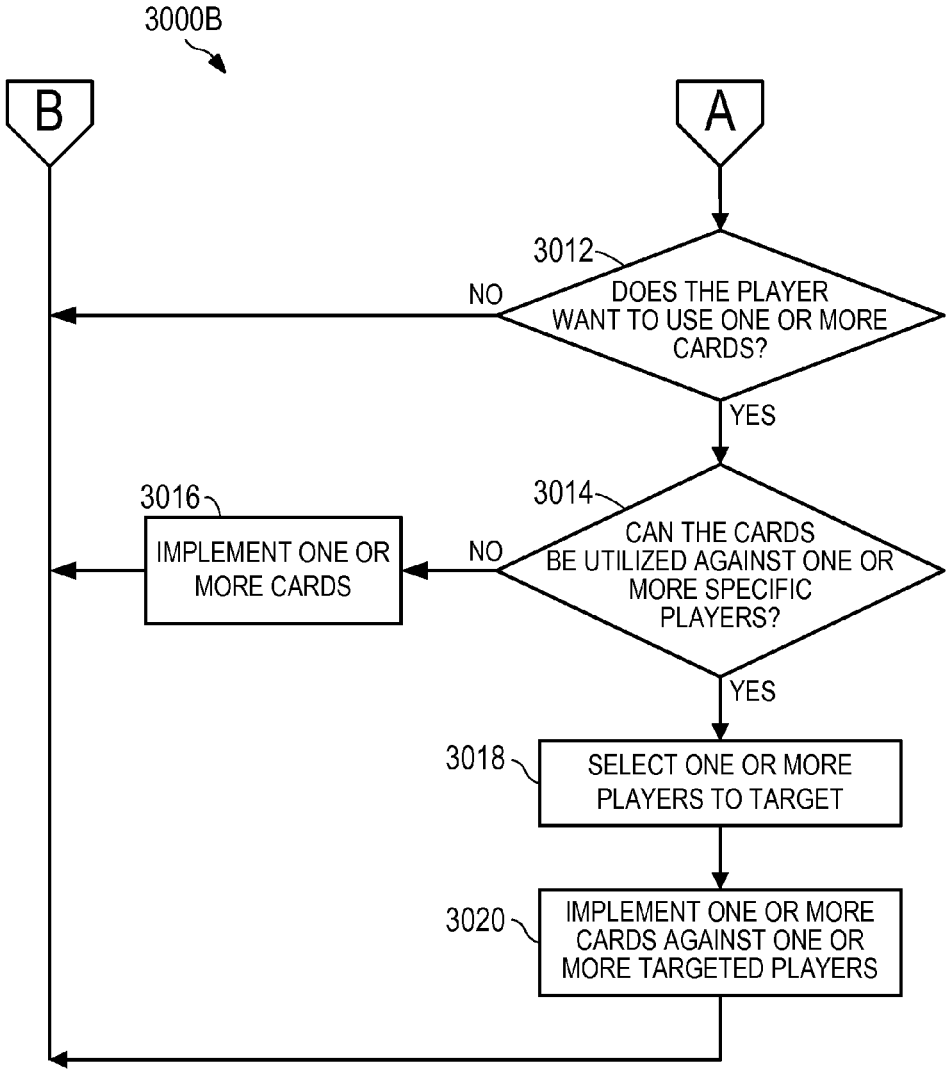

3000
3002
TOURNAMENT STARTS
3004
DOES THE PLAYER HAVE ONE OR MORE UNUSED CARDS?
NO
3006
PLAYER MAY OBTAIN ONE OR MORE NEW CARDS
YES
3008
DOES PLAYER WISH TO TRADE ANY CARDS?
NO
YES
3010
DOES PLAYER TRADE CARDS?
NO
YES
3011
PLAYER TRADES ONE OR MORE CARDS
A
B

FIG. 30B


3000B
B
A
3012
DOES THE PLAYER WANT TO USE ONE OR MORE CARDS?
NO
YES
3014
CAN THE CARDS BE UTILIZED AGAINST ONE OR MORE SPECIFIC PLAYERS?
NO
YES
3016
IMPLEMENT ONE OR MORE CARDS
3018
SELECT ONE OR MORE PLAYERS TO TARGET
3020
IMPLEMENT ONE OR MORE CARDS AGAINST ONE OR MORE TARGETED PLAYERS

ADVERTISING SPACE FOR TOURNAMENTS

FIELD

The subject matter disclosed herein relates to an electronic gaming device. More specifically, the disclosure relates to an electronic gaming device, which provides advertising space before/during/in/around/after tournament game play. Further, the disclosure relates to utilizing advertising space in tournament game play to enhance the gaming experience.

INFORMATION

The gaming industry has numerous casinos located both worldwide and in the United States. A client of a casino or other gaming entity can gamble via various games of chance. For example, craps, roulette, baccarat, blackjack, and electronic games (e.g., a slot machine) where a person may gamble on an outcome.

Paylines of an electronic gaming device (e.g., a slot machine) are utilized to determine when predetermined winning symbol combinations are aligned in a predetermined pattern to form a winning combination. A winning event occurs when the player successfully matches the predetermined winning symbols in one of the predetermined patterns. One or more combinations of symbols may generate a bonus game. A new way of delivering game play includes providing advertising space functionalities in a tournament game mode, a normal (e.g., base game) mode, and/or a bonus game mode.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

Non-limiting and non-exhaustive examples will be described with reference to the following figures, wherein like reference numerals refer to like parts throughout the various figures.

FIG. **1** is an illustration of the electronic gaming device, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **2** is an illustration of an electronic gaming system, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **3** is a block diagram of the electronic gaming device, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **4** is another block diagram of the electronic gaming device, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **5**A is an illustration of tournament game play functionality, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **5**B is another illustration of tournament game play functionality, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **6** is an illustration of tournament game play functionality, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **7**A is an illustration of advertising space utilized with tournament game play functionality, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **7**B is another illustration of advertising space utilized with tournament game play functionality, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **7**C is another illustration of advertising space utilized with tournament game play functionality, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **7**D is another illustration of advertising space utilized with tournament game play functionality, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **7**E is another illustration of advertising space utilized with tournament game play functionality, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **7**F is another illustration of advertising space utilized with tournament game play functionality, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **7**G is another illustration of advertising space utilized with tournament game play functionality, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **8** is an illustration of an advertising space on a gaming voucher, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **9**A is an illustration of displaying one or more tournament game play data, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **9**B is another illustration of displaying one or more tournament game play data, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **9**C is another illustration of displaying one or more tournament game play data, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **9**D is another illustration of displaying one or more tournament game play data, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **9**E is another illustration of displaying one or more tournament game play data, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **9**F is another illustration of displaying one or more tournament game play data, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **10** is a flow diagram for tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **11** is a flow diagram for tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **12** is a flow diagram for tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **13** is a flow diagram for tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **14** is a flow diagram for tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **15** is a flow diagram for tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **16** is a flow diagram for tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **17** is a flow diagram for tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **18** is a flow diagram for tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **19** is another block diagram of the electronic gaming device, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **20** is a flow diagram for generating and distributing one or more gaming cards, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **21** is a flow diagram for activating one or more power-up gaming cards, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **22** is a flow diagram of tournament play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **23** is another flow diagram of tournament play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **24**A is an illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **24**B is another illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **25**A is another illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **25**B is another illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **26**A is another illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **26**B is another illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **26**C is another illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **26**D is another illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **26**E is another illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **26**F is another illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **27**A is another illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **27**B is another illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **27**C is another illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **27**D is another illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **28** is a flow diagram illustrating the use of power-up cards in a tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **29** is another flow diagram illustrating the use of power-up cards in a tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **30**A is another flow diagram illustrating the use of power-up cards in a tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

FIG. **30**B is another flow diagram illustrating the use of power-up cards in a tournament game play, according to one embodiment.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

FIG. **1** is an illustration of an electronic gaming device **100**. Electronic gaming device **100** may include a multi-media stream **110**, a first display screen **102**, a second display screen **104**, a third display screen **106**, a side display screen **108**, an input device **112**, a credit device **114**, a device interface **116**, and an identification device **118**. Electronic gaming device **100** may display one, two, a few, or a plurality of multi-media streams **110**, which may be obtained from one or more gaming tables, one or more electronic gaming devices, a central server, a video server, a music server, an advertising server, another data source, and/or any combination thereof.

Multi-media streams may be obtained for an entertainment event, a wagering event, a promotional event, a promotional offering, an advertisement, a sporting event, any other event, and/or any combination thereof. For example, the entertainment event may be a concert, a show, a television program, a movie, an Internet event, and/or any combination thereof. In another example, the wagering event may be a poker tournament, a horse race, a car race, and/or any combination thereof. The advertisement may be an advertisement for a casino, a restaurant, a shop, any other entity, and/or any combination thereof. The sporting event may be a football game, a baseball game, a hockey game, a basketball game, any other sporting event, and/or any combination thereof. These multi-media streams may be utilized in combination with the gaming table video streams.

Input device **112** may be mechanical buttons, electronic buttons, mechanical switches, electronic switches, optical switches, a slot pull handle, a keyboard, a keypad, a touch screen, a gesture screen, a joystick, a pointing device (e.g., a mouse), a virtual (on-screen) keyboard, a virtual (on-screen) keypad, biometric sensor, or any combination thereof. Input device **112** may be utilized to make a wager, to control any object, to select one or more gaming options (e.g., a base game mode, a bonus game mode, a tournament game mode, etc.), to obtain data relating to historical payouts, to select a row and/or column to move, to select a row area to move, to select a column area to move, to select a symbol to move, to modify electronic gaming device **100** (e.g., change sound level, configuration, font, language, etc.), to select a movie or song, to select live multi-media streams, to request services (e.g., drinks, slot attendant, manager, etc.), to select two-dimensional ("2D") game play, to select three-dimensional ("3D") game play, to select both two-dimensional and three-dimensional game play, to change the orientation of games in a three-dimensional space, to move a symbol (e.g., wild, multiplier, etc.), and/or any combination thereof. These selections may occur via any other input device (e.g., a touch screen, voice commands, etc.).

Credit device **114** may be utilized to collect monies and distribute monies (e.g., cash, vouchers, etc.). Credit device **114** may interface with a mobile device to electronically transmit money and/or credits. Credit device **114** may interface with a player's card to exchange player points.

Device interface **116** may be utilized to interface electronic gaming device **100** to a bonus game device, a local area progressive controller, a wide area progressive controller, a progressive sign controller, a peripheral display device, signage, a promotional device, network components, a local network, a wide area network, remote access equipment, a slot monitoring system, a slot player tracking system, the Internet, a server, and/or any combination thereof.

Device interface **116** may be utilized to connect a player to electronic gaming device **100** through a mobile device, card, keypad, identification device **118**, and/or any combination thereof. Device interface **116** may include a docking station by which a mobile device is plugged into electronic gaming device **100**. Device interface **116** may include an over the air connection by which a mobile device is connected to electronic gaming device **100** (e.g., Bluetooth, Near Field technology, and/or Wi-Fi technology). Device interface **116** may include a connection to identification device **118**.

Identification device **118** may be utilized to determine an identity of a player. Based on information obtained by identification device **118**, electronic gaming device **100** may be reconfigured. For example, the language, sound level, music, placement of multi-media streams, one or more game based functionalities may be presented, one or more gaming options (e.g., a base game mode, a bonus game mode, a tournament game mode, etc.) may be presented, a repeat payline gaming option may be presented, a pattern gaming option may be presented, historical gaming data may be presented, a row rearrangement option may be presented, a column rearrangement option may be presented, a row area rearrangement option may be presented, a column area rearrangement option may be presented, a two-dimensional gaming option may be presented, a three-dimensional gaming option may be presented, and/or the placement of gaming options may be modified based on player preference data. For example, a player may want to have game play which has only a specific game functionality (or similar functionality). Therefore, no games without the specific game based functionality would be presented. In another example, the player may only want to play games that include pattern gaming options only. Therefore, only games which include pattern gaming options would be presented to the player. In another example, the player may only want to play games that include historical information relating to game play. Therefore, only games which include historical gaming data would be presented to the player.

Identification device **118** may utilize biometrics (e.g., thumb print, retinal scan, or other biometric). Identification device **118** may include a card entry slot into input device **112**. Identification device **118** may include a keypad with an assigned pin number for verification. Identification device **118** may include multiple layers of identification for added security. For example, a player could be required to enter a player tracking card, and/or a pin number, and/or a thumb print, and/or any combination thereof. Based on information obtained by identification device **118**, electronic gaming

device **100** may be reconfigured. For example, the language, sound level, music, placement of video streams, placement of images, and the placement of gaming options utilized may be modified based on a player's preference data. For example, a player may have selected baseball under the sporting event preferences; electronic gaming device **100** will then automatically display the current baseball game onto side display screen **108** and/or an alternate display screen as set in the player's options.

First display screen **102** may be a liquid crystal display ("LCD"), a cathode ray tube display ("CRT"), organic light-emitting diode display ("OLED"), plasma display panel ("PDP"), electroluminescent display ("ELD"), a light-emitting diode display ("LED"), or any other display technology. First display screen **102** may be used for displaying primary games and/or secondary (bonus) games, advertising, player attractions, electronic gaming device **100** configuration parameters and settings, game history, accounting meters, events, alarms, and/or any combination thereof. Second display screen **104**, third display screen **106**, side display screen **108**, and any other screens may utilize the same technology as first display screen **102** and/or any combination of technologies.

First display screen **102** may also be virtually combined with second display screen **104**. Likewise second display screen **104** may also be virtually combined with third display screen **106**. First display screen **102** may be virtually combined with both second display screen **104** and third display screen **106**. Any combination thereof may be formed.

The presentations associated with a game play may be presented on one, a few, and/or a plurality of screens.

For example, a single large image could be partially displayed on second display screen **104** and partially displayed on third display screen **106**, so that when both display screens are put together they complete one image. Electronic gaming device **100** may stream or play prerecorded multi-media data, which may be displayed on any display combination.

In FIG. **2**, an electronic gaming system **200** is shown. Electronic gaming system **200** may include a video/multimedia server **202**, a gaming server **204**, a player tracking server **206**, a voucher server **208**, an authentication server **210**, and an accounting server **212**.

Electronic gaming system **200** may include video/multimedia server **202**, which may be coupled to network **224** via a network link **214**. Network **224** may be the Internet, a private network, and/or a network cloud. One or more video streams may be received at video/multimedia server **202** from other electronic gaming devices **100**. Video/multimedia server **202** may transmit one or more of these video streams to a mobile phone **230**, electronic gaming device **100**, a remote electronic gaming device at a different location in the same property **216**, a remote electronic gaming device at a different location **218**, a laptop **222**, and/or any other remote electronic device **220**. Video/multimedia server **202** may transmit these video streams via network link **214** and/or network **224**.

For example, a remote gaming device at the same location may be utilized at a casino with multiple casino floors, a casino that allows wagering activities to take place from the hotel room, a casino that may allow wagering activities to take place from the pool area, etc. In another example, the remote devices may be at another location via a progressive link to another casino, and/or a link within a casino corporation that owns numerous casinos (e.g., MGM, Caesars, etc.).

Gaming server **204** may generate gaming outcomes. Gaming server **204** may provide electronic gaming device **100** with game play content. Gaming server **204** may provide electronic gaming device **100** with game play math and/or outcomes. Gaming server **204** may provide one or more of a payout functionality, a tournament functionality, a tournament evaluation functionality, other physical game functionality, and/or any other virtual game functionality.

Player tracking server **206** may track a player's betting activity, a player's preferences (e.g., language, font, sound level, drinks, etc.). Based on data obtained by player tracking server **206**, a player may be eligible for gaming rewards (e.g., free play), promotions, and/or other awards (e.g., complimentary food, drinks, lodging, concerts, etc.).

Voucher server **208** may generate a voucher, which may include data relating to gaming. Further, the voucher may include payline structure option selections. In addition, the voucher may include tournament game based game play data (or similar game play data), repeat payline data, pattern data, historical payout data, column data, row data, and/or symbols that were modified.

Authentication server **210** may determine the validity of vouchers, player's identity, and/or an outcome for a gaming event.

Accounting server **212** may compile, track, and/or monitor cash flows, voucher transactions, winning vouchers, losing vouchers, and/or other transaction data. Transaction data may include the number of wagers, the size of these wagers, the date and time for these wagers, the identity of the players making these wagers, and/or the frequency of the wagers. Accounting server **212** may generate tax information relating to these wagers. Accounting server **212** may generate profit/loss reports for players' tracked outcomes.

Network connection **214** may be used for communication between dedicated servers, thin clients, thick clients, back-office accounting systems, etc.

Laptop computer **222** and/or any other electronic devices (e.g., mobile phone **230**, electronic gaming device **100**, etc.) may be used for downloading new gaming device applications or gaming device related firmware through remote access.

Laptop computer **222** and/or any other electronic device (e.g., mobile phone **230**, electronic gaming device **100**, etc.) may be used for uploading accounting information (e.g., cashable credits, non-cashable credits, coin in, coin out, bill in, voucher in, voucher out, etc.).

Network **224** may be a local area network, a casino premises network, a wide area network, a virtual private network, an enterprise private network, the Internet, or any combination thereof. Hardware components, such as network interface cards, repeaters and hubs, bridges, switches, routers, firewalls, or any combination thereof may also be part of network **224**.

A statistics server may be used to maintain data relating to historical game play for one or more electronic gaming devices **100**. This historical data may include winning amounts, winning data (e.g., person, sex, age, time on machine, amount of spins before winning event occurred, etc.), fastest winning event reoccurrence, longest winning event reoccurrence, average frequencies of winning events, average winning amounts, highest winning amount, lowest winning amount, locations for winning events, winning event dates, winning machines, winning game themes, and/or any other data relating to game play.

A statistics server may include data relating to one or more tournament game based game play (or similar game play). This data may include the number of time a specific item was selected. The frequency of any specific item being selected and the effectiveness of the specific item. For example, item 1 is effective 99.9% of the time. Whereas, item 2 is only effective 62% of the time.

FIG. **3** shows a block diagram **300** of electronic gaming device **100**. Electronic gaming device **100** may include a processor **302**, a memory **304**, a smart card reader **306**, a printer **308**, a jackpot controller **310**, a camera **312**, a network interface **314**, an input device **316**, a display **318**, a credit device **320**, a device interface **322**, an identification device **324**, and a voucher device **326**.

Processor **302** may execute program instructions of memory **304** and use memory **304** for data storage. Processor **302** may also include a numeric co-processor, or a graphics processing unit (or units) for accelerated video encoding and decoding, and/or any combination thereof.

Processor **302** may include communication interfaces for communicating with electronic gaming device **100**, electronic gaming system **200**, and user interfaces to enable communication with all gaming elements. For example, processor **302** may interface with memory **304** to access a player's mobile device through device interface **322** to display contents onto display **318**. Processor **302** may generate a voucher based on a wager confirmation, which may be received by an input device, a server, a mobile device, and/or any combination thereof. A voucher device may generate, print, transmit, or receive a voucher. Memory **304** may include communication interfaces for communicating with electronic gaming device **100**, electronic gaming system **200**, and user interfaces to enable communication with all gaming elements. For example, the information stored on memory **304** may be printed out onto a voucher by printer **308**. Videos or pictures captured by camera **312** may be saved and stored on memory **304**. Memory **304** may include a confirmation module, which may authenticate a value of a voucher and/or the validity of the voucher. Processor **302** may determine the value of the voucher based on generated voucher data and data in the confirmation module. Electronic gaming device **100** may include a player preference input device. The player preference input device may modify a game configuration. The modification may be based on data from the identification device.

Memory **304** may be non-volatile semiconductor memory, such as read-only memory ("ROM"), erasable programmable read-only memory ("EPROM"), electrically erasable programmable read-only memory ("EEPROM"), flash memory ("NVRAM"), Nano-RAM (e.g., carbon nanotube random access memory), and/or any combination thereof.

Memory **304** may also be volatile semiconductor memory such as, dynamic random access memory ("DRAM"), static random access memory ("SRAM"), and/or any combination thereof.

Memory **304** may also be a data storage device, such as a hard disk drive, an optical disk drive such as, CD, DVD, Blu-ray, a solid state drive, a memory stick, a CompactFlash card, a USB flash drive, a Multi-media Card, an xD-Picture Card, and/or any combination thereof.

Memory **304** may be used to store read-only program instructions for execution by processor **302**, for the read-write storage for global variables and static variables, read-write storage for uninitialized data, read-write storage for dynamically allocated memory, for the read-write storage of the data structure known as "the stack," and/or any combination thereof.

Memory **304** may be used to store the read-only paytable information for which symbol combinations on a given payline that result in a win (e.g., payout) which are established for games of chance, such as slot games and video poker.

Memory **304** may be used to store accounting information (e.g., cashable electronic promotion in, non-cashable electronic promotion out, coin in, coin out, bill in, voucher in, voucher out, electronic funds transfer in, etc.).

Memory **304** may be used to record error conditions on an electronic gaming device **100**, such as door open, coin jam, ticket print failure, ticket (e.g., paper) jam, program error, reel tilt, etc., and/or any combination thereof.

Memory **304** may also be used to record the complete history for the most recent game played, plus some number of prior games as may be determined by the regulating authority.

Smart card reader **306** may allow electronic gaming device **100** to access and read information provided by the player or technician, which may be used for setting the player preferences and/or providing maintenance information. For example, smart card reader **306** may provide an interface between a smart card (inserted by the player) and identification device **324** to verify the identity of a player.

Printer **308** may be used for printing slot machine payout receipts, slot machine wagering vouchers, non-gaming coupons, slot machine coupons (e.g., a wagering instrument with a fixed waging value that can only be used for non-cashable credits), drink tokens, comps, and/or any combination thereof.

Electronic gaming device **100** may include a jackpot controller **310**, which may allow electronic gaming device **100** to interface with other electronic gaming devices either directly or through electronic gaming system **200** to accumulate a shared jackpot.

Camera **312** may allow electronic gaming device **100** to take images of a player or a player's surroundings. For example, when a player sits down at the machine their picture may be taken to include his or her image into the game play. A picture of a player may be an actual image as taken by camera **312**. A picture of a player may be a computerized caricature of the image taken by camera **312**. The image obtained by camera **312** may be used in connection with identification device **324** using facial recognition. Camera **312** may allow electronic gaming device **100** to record video. The video may be stored on memory **304** or stored remotely via electronic gaming system **200**. Videos obtained by camera **312** may then be used as part of game play, or may be used for security purposes. For example, a camera located on electronic gaming device **100** may capture videos of a potential illegal activity (e.g., tampering with the machine, crime in the vicinity, underage players, etc.).

Network interface **314** may allow electronic gaming device **100** to communicate with video/multimedia server **202**, gaming server **204**, player tracking server **206**, voucher server **208**, authentication server **210**, and/or accounting server **212**.

Input device **316** may be mechanical buttons, electronic buttons, a touch screen, and/or any combination thereof. Input device **316** may be utilized to make a wager, to select one or more game elements, to control any object, to select one or more gaming options (e.g., a base game mode, a bonus game mode, a tournament game mode, etc.), to make an offer to buy, sell, and/or trade a voucher, to determine a vouchers worth, to cash in a voucher, to modify electronic gaming device **100** (e.g., change sound level, configuration, font, language, etc.), to select a movie or music, to select live video streams (e.g., sporting event 1, sporting event 2, sporting event 3), to request services (e.g., drinks, manager, etc.), and/or any combination thereof.

Display **318** may show video streams from one or more content sources. Display **318** may encompass first display screen **102**, second display screen **104**, third display screen **106**, side display screen **108**, and/or another screen used for displaying video content.

Credit device **320** may be utilized to collect monies and distribute monies (e.g., cash, vouchers, etc.). Credit device **320** may interface with processor **302** to allow game play to take place. Processor **302** may determine any payouts, display configurations, animation, and/or any other functions associated with game play. Credit device **320** may interface with display **318** to display the amount of available credits for the player to use for wagering purposes. Credit device **320** may interface via device interface **322** with a mobile device to electronically transmit money and/or credits. Credit device **320** may interface with a player's pre-established account, which may be stored on electronic gaming system **200**, to electronically transmit money and/or credit. For example, a player may have a credit card or other mag-stripe card on file with the location for which money and/or credits can be directly applied when the player is done. Credit device **320** may interface with a player's card to exchange player points. Credit device **320** may also interface with the tournament server and/or tournament tracking server to exchange promotional credit based on one or more advertisement incentives.

Electronic gaming device **100** may include a device interface **322** that a user may employ with his or her mobile device (e.g., smart phone) to receive information from and/or transmit information to electronic gaming device **100** (e.g., watch a movie, listen to music, obtain verbal betting options, verify identification, transmit credits, etc.).

Identification device **324** may be utilized to allow electronic gaming device **100** to determine an identity of a player. Based on information obtained by identification device **324**, electronic gaming device **100** may be reconfigured. For example, the language, sound level, music, placement of video streams, placement of images, placement of gaming options, and/or the tables utilized may be modified based on player preference data.

For example, a player may have selected a specific baseball team (e.g., Atlanta Braves) under the sporting event preferences, the electronic gaming device **100** will then automatically (or via player input) display the current baseball game (e.g., Atlanta Braves vs. Philadelphia Phillies) onto side display screen **108** and/or an alternate display screen as set in the player's options.

A voucher device **326** may generate, print, transmit, or receive a voucher. The voucher may represent a wagering option, a wagering structure, a wagering timeline, a value of wager, a payout potential, a payout, and/or any other wagering data. A voucher may represent an award, which may be used at other locations inside of the gaming establishment. For example, the voucher may be a coupon for the local buffet or a concert ticket.

FIG. **4** shows a block diagram of memory **304**, which includes various modules. Memory **304** may include a validation module **402**, a voucher module **404**, a reporting module **406**, a maintenance module **408**, a player tracking preferences module **410**, an evaluation module **412**, a payout module **414**, a bonus module **416**, a statistics module **418**, a tournament module **420**, a tournament tracking module **422**, a tournament promotional module **424**, a tournament generation and validation module **426**, a presentation and implementation module **428**, an individual and group tracking module **430**, a signage module **432**, a non-tournament module **434**, and an advertisement module **436**.

Voucher module **404** may store data relating to generated vouchers, redeemed vouchers, bought vouchers, and/or sold vouchers.

Reporting module **406** may generate reports related to a performance of electronic gaming device **100**, electronic gaming system **200**, video streams, gaming objects, credit device **114**, and/or identification device **118**.

Maintenance module **408** may track any maintenance that is implemented on electronic gaming device **100** and/or electronic gaming system **200**. Maintenance module **408** may schedule preventative maintenance, request a service call based on a device error, and/or any other reason.

Player tracking preferences module **410** may compile and track data associated with a player's preferences.

Evaluation module **412** may evaluate one or more outcomes for one or more events (e.g., base game mode, bonus game mode, tournament mode, etc.) in one or more gaming options.

Payout module **414** may determine one or more payouts which may relate to one or more inputs received from the player, electronic gaming device **100**, and/or electronic gaming system **200**.

Bonus module **416** may generate a bonus game, evaluate the results of the bonus game, trigger bonus game presentations, generate bonus game payouts, and/or display any data relating to the bonus game.

Statistics module **418** may generate, compile, transmit, and/or store any statistical data relating to one or more gaming options (e.g., base game mode, bonus game mode, tournament mode, etc.) and/or advertising results. For example, game type 1 may generate a return of 125% during normal conditions (e.g., 90% of the time). Whereas, game type 2 may generate a return of 200% but only 75% of the time. In another example, a first advertisement may have generated a click thru rate of 20% and an acceptance rate (e.g., an actual purchase, an acceptance of the offer, etc.) of 15%. In this example, the first advertisement may have been of a first type. Whereas, a second advertisement may have generated a click thru rate of 30% and an acceptance rate of 10%. In this example, the second advertisement may have been of a second type. In addition, a third advertisement (e.g., an advertisement tied to player information) may have generated a click thru rate of 60% and an acceptance rate of 45%. This information may be utilized as a feedback loop to enhance future advertisements. The statistics module may also generate stats based on where in the game play/tournament cycle one or more advertisements are presented. For example, click-through rate ("CTR")/acceptance rate ("AR") for a particular advertisement shown before a tournament begins versus the advertisement being shown while players are waiting for the tournament final results versus the advertisement being shown directly after the tournament.

Tournament module **420** may generate, compile, transmit, and/or store one or more tournament structures. Tournament module **412** may generate, compile, transmit, and/or store data relating to one or more tournaments. Tournament module **412** may generate historical tournament reports. Tournament module **412** may generate new tournament structures based on historical tournament data (e.g., participation rate, prize pool, the level of players that played in the tournament, monies earned from related events, etc.). For example, one or more tournament structures may be targeted to high rollers. Whereas, other tournament structures may be targeted in middle level players. In another example, other tournament structures may be targeted to beginners.

Tournament tracking module **422** may generate, compile, transmit, and/or store data relating to one or more tournament structures. For example, this data may include the participants in one or more tournaments, the success (e.g., participation rate, profit/loss statement, etc.) of one or more tournaments, the individual scores for one or more players, the team scores for one or more teams, the length of time for completing game

play for individuals and/or teams, one or more winning histories for individuals and/or teams, tax records for one or more tournaments, the number of game play suspensions (e.g., asynchronous game play mode) initiated by one or more players and/or one or more teams, and/or any other data relating to one or more tournaments.

Tournament promotional module **424** may generate, compile, transmit, and/or store promotional data (e.g., leaderboard, tournament structure, mailings, sponsor data, advertisements, etc.) for one or more tournaments.

Tournament generation and validation module **426** may generate, compile, transmit, and/or store validation data for one or more tournaments. For example, a first player's score may be validated by requesting information for the electronic gaming device, the electronic gaming system, and/or any other device to compare the first player's score to the data within the gaming machine.

Presentation and implementation module **428** may generate the presentation data (e.g., visual and audio) relating to one or more tournament game play options. A presentation module may display one or more of the generated presentations, one or more advertisements, and/or one or more sponsor data.

Individual and group tracking module **430** may generate, compile, transmit, and/or store data relating to tournament play for one or more individuals and/or teams. For example, Team Winner has won two out of the last five tournaments that Team Winner played in.

Signage module **432** may be used to generate any image for display on: electronic gaming device **100**; an internal display device within a gaming entity; an external display device outside of a gaming entity; one or more devices at one or more satellite locations; one or more mobile devices; one or more Internet sites; and/or any combination thereof. Signage module **422** may utilize data from any module, any other server (e.g., statistics server **418** and/or signage server), and/or any other data source to generate images for display on: electronic gaming device **100**; an internal display device within a gaming entity; an external display device outside of a gaming entity; one or more devices at one or more satellite locations; one or more mobile devices; one or more Internet sites; and/or any combination thereof.

Non-tournament module **434** may generate, compile, transmit, and/or store any data related to non-tournament game play (e.g., normal game play mode, bonus game play mode, etc.).

Advertisement module **436** may generate, compile, transmit, and/or store any data related to one or more advertisements, advertisement structures, sponsorship structures, sponsors, and/or any other advertising information.

It should be noted that one or more modules may be combined into one module. Further, there may be one evaluation module where the determined payout does not depend on whether there were any specific item utilized, any wild symbols, any scatter symbols, and/or any other specific symbols. Further, any module, device, and/or logic function in electronic gaming device **100** may be present in electronic gaming system **200**. In addition, any module, device, and/or logic function in electronic gaming system **200** may be present in electronic gaming device **100**.

In FIG. **5**A, a flow diagram for asynchronous tournament play **500**A is shown, according to one embodiment. The method may include generating one or more tournament structures (step **502**). The method may include a first player participating in the one or more tournaments during a first time period (step **504**). The method may include an Nth player participating in the one or more tournaments during an Nth time period (step **506**). For example, a first player may enter the tournament at 8 am on a Monday where the tournament structure is based on the best score (e.g., most credits) won in 2 hours. The tournament structure allows tournament game play for 3 days (e.g., Monday-Wednesday). The first player starts at 8 am on Monday and ends at 10 am on Monday with a score of 100,000 credits. In this example, a second player may enter the tournament at 11 am on Monday and ends at 1 pm on Monday with a score of 95,000 credits. Further, in this example, a third player may enter the tournament at Noon on Tuesday and ends at 2 pm on Tuesday with a score of 10,000 credits. In addition, a fourth player may enter the tournament at 9 am on Wednesday, stop tournament game play at 10 am to play in a poker game, resume tournament play at 2 pm, and end tournament play at 3 pm on Wednesday with a score of 200,000 credits.

In FIG. **5**B, another flow diagram for asynchronous tournament play **500**B is shown, according to one embodiment. The method may include generating one or more tournament structures (step **508**). The method may include a first player participating in the one or more tournament structures during a first day (step **510**). The method may include an Nth player participating in the one or more tournament structures during an Nth day (step **512**). For example, a first player may enter a first tournament at 9 am, enter a second tournament at 9 am, and enter an Nth tournament at 10 am on the first tournament day for the first tournament, the second tournament day for the second tournament, and the last tournament day for the Nth tournament. In this example, the first player may suspend play in the first tournament right after entering the tournament, play in the second tournament from 9 am to 10 am, suspend play in the second tournament at 10 am, start playing in the Nth tournament at 10 am, finish the Nth tournament at 1 pm, resume tournament play in the second tournament at 1 pm, finish tournament play in the second tournament at 3 pm, resume tournament play in the first tournament at 8 am the next day, and/or finish tournament play in the first tournament at noon.

In one embodiment, all participants in a gaming tournament play structure do not need to participate simultaneously. By allowing the participants to play in the tournament over a time period window, the tournament becomes more exciting. In another example, a tournament might last a week and allow for thousands of participants whom play their scored game at any-time during that week. In various examples, this disclosure relates to system and/or method for a gaming tournament where participants play at their leisure during a much longer, i.e. multi-day, tournament period.

These methods may require a new architecture in the gaming tournament server. The features of the system may allow for participants to play their tournament game, at a slot on the casino floor, over the internet, on a mobile device, etc. The tournament management system may collect entries from players and publish leaderboard data to a variety of data consumers.

In FIG. **6**, another flow diagram for asynchronous tournament play **600** is shown, according to one embodiment. The method may include a first player playing in a first tournament via a slot machine located at a first casino (step **602**). The method may include a second player playing in the first tournament via a mobile device (step **604**). The method may include a third player playing in the first tournament over the internet (step **606**). The method may include an Nth player playing in the first tournament via a device located at a second casino (step **608**). For example, a first player may enter the first tournament at a first time (e.g., 9 am on Monday) by being physically present at the tournament host site. Further,

the second player may enter the first tournament at a second time (e.g., 3 am on Tuesday) via a mobile device application. In addition, the third player may enter the first tournament at a third time (e.g., 8 am on Tuesday) via an internet connection to a server. In another example, a fourth player may enter the first tournament at a fourth time (e.g., 10 am on Friday) by being physically present at a non-host site (e.g., satellite site).

In another example, a first player may enter a first tournament at 9 am via a mobile device, enter a second tournament at 9 am in person at a host casino, and enter an Nth tournament at 10 am at a non-host site on the first tournament day for the first tournament, the second tournament day for the second tournament, and the last tournament day for the Nth tournament. In this example, the first player may suspend play in the first tournament right after entering the tournament via a pause button on the mobile device, play in the second tournament from 9 am to 10 am, suspend play in the second tournament at 10 am via a pause button on the gaming device, start playing in the Nth tournament at 10 am, finish the Nth tournament at 1 pm, resume tournament play in the second tournament at 1 pm via a resume button on the gaming device, finish tournament play in the second tournament at 3 pm, resume tournament play in the first tournament at 8 am the next day via a resume function on the mobile, and/or finish tournament play in the first tournament at noon.

It should be noted that this disclosure may also be utilized with one or more tournament structures where the tournament is held at one place during one time period and all of the participants play at the same time (e.g., synchronous).

In FIG. **7**A, an illustration of advertising space utilized with tournament game play functionality **700**A is shown, according to one embodiment. A gaming device **702** may include a leaderboard display **706**, a side display **708**, a main game display **704**, a left speaker **710**A, a right speaker **710**B, one or more output devices (e.g., a ticket in/ticket out device **712**), and/or one or more input devices **716** (e.g., buttons, etc.). In one example, leadership display **706** includes a leadership board sponsor **720** and a ranking of tournament players **706**A (see FIG. **7**B). In this example, the XYZ company has sponsored the leadership board and the leadership board states "XYZ LEADER BOARD." In another example, leadership display **706** may include data relating to one or more tournaments, such as, the time remaining (e.g., 1 HOUR 31 MINUTES REMAINING). In this example, side display **708** may display a current mode of operation **708**A. For example, a current mode may be a tournament mode, a normal mode, a practice mode, a team mode, an individual mode, any combination thereof, etc.

In FIG. **7**C, another illustration of advertising space utilized with tournament game play functionality **700**C is shown, according to one embodiment. In this example, electronic gaming device **100** may utilize a ranking of tournament players **706**B, a next tournament message area **708**B, an individual results sponsor **730**A (located in a main display area **704**A), an individual game results message **729**A, a background sponsor symbol **730**B, and a tournament results voucher **734**. Electronic gaming device **100** may communicate (e.g., audio communication and/or visual communication) with the player. In one example, electronic gaming device **100** may utilize one or more reminder messages. For example, to ensure that the player takes their tournament ticket, a message such as "DON'T FORGET TO TAKE YOUR TOURNAMENT TICKET!" may be transmitted via one or more speakers (e.g., reference numbers **732**A, **732**B, etc.). In another example, next tournament message area **708**B may communicate information relating to one or more future tournaments. The message may state "PLAY IN OUR NEXT TOURNAMENT IN 30 MINUTES." The one or more future tournaments may occur later in the current day, tomorrow, and/or any other time period.

In one example, ranking of tournament players **706**B may include data (e.g., top scores, number of players, name of top players, status of a tournament (e.g., beginning, time remaining, ended, etc.), asynchronous tournament data, synchronous tournament data, tournament structure data, etc.) relating to one or more tournament players.

In another example, next tournament message area **708**B may include data relating to one or more future tournaments. The one or more future tournaments may be asynchronous tournaments, synchronous tournaments, high-limit tournaments, any other tournament structure, and these tournaments may occur at any time (e.g., today, tomorrow, five days from now, next month, etc.).

In another example, individual results sponsor **730**A located in a main display area **704**A may include one or more individual sponsors where the one or more sponsor information may be displayed on the main display area, the next tournament message area, the leaderboard area, a side screen, and/or any other screen. In another example, the sponsor information may be background text, phantom text, board text (see FIG. **7**D), and/or any other text. In one example, the one or more sponsors' information may also be displayed on one or more non-gaming devices, casino signage, external-casino signage, and/or any other display device.

In one example, individual game results message **729**A may include data relating to the one or more of the individual's tournament results. For example, the message may state "YOUR ABC SPONSORED RESULTS GREAT GAME! YOU CAME IN 4^{TH} PLACE AND WON $1,000.00! STAY RIGHT HERE TO CONTINUE THE EXCITEMENT PLAYING DRAGON SLAYER!" In another example, the individual game results may include data relating to the player's winning percentage, the number of spins completed, the highest win, the average winning amount, etc.

In another example, background sponsor symbol **730**B may include sponsor data which is placed in the background of one or more display screens.

In another example, tournament results voucher **734** may include data relating to one or more tournament gaming results (see FIG. **8**).

In FIG. **7**E, another illustration of advertising space utilized with tournament game play functionality **700**E is shown, according to one embodiment. In this example, electronic gaming device **100** may utilize a message area **708**C, a main gaming area **704**C, a leader list **730**B, and an individual place **740**.

Message area **708**C may include one or more advertisements. In one example, message area **708**C may offer a buy one get one free advertisement (e.g., shows, food, entertainment, lodging, etc.). In another example, the advertisement may be a free offer, a percentage off offer, and/or any other advertisement offering.

Leader list **730**B may include data (e.g., top scores, number of players, name of top players, status of tournament (e.g., beginning, time remaining, ended, etc.), asynchronous tournament data, synchronous tournament data, tournament structure data, etc.), and/or any other data relating to one or more tournament players.

Individual place **740** may include data relating to the individual's tournament placement, the individual's prize amount, the individual's time to complete the tournament, and/or any other data relating to the individual player. This area may be highlighted to enhance the player's ability to find their tournament placement.

In another example shown in FIG. **7**F, one or more advertisements **704**D may be displayed on any display screen of electronic gaming device **100** when transitioning from a tournament mode to a normal game operating mode. In this example, the one or more advertisements may occur before gaming system moves to a normal gaming mode (see FIG. **7**G). In this example, a game title area **706**C may include one or more game titles. Further, one or more gaming data (e.g., reference numbers **704**E and **708**D) may be displayed. In addition, one or more input devices **750** may be utilized by the player, the casino personnel, and/or any other individual to play the game and/or transition the game from a tournament mode to a normal game play mode. In another example, one or more advertisements may be displayed during tournament play, before tournament play, and/or after tournament play.

In FIG. **8**, an illustration of an advertising space on a gaming voucher **800** is shown, according to one embodiment. A gaming voucher **802** may include a first sponsor title advertising area **806**, one or more tournament results **808**, a top boarder advertising area **804**A, a bottom boarder advertising area **804**B, a sponsor leaderboard area **810**A, one or more leader board data **810**B, a QR bar code area **812**, and a bar code area **814**.

First sponsor title advertising area **806** may include data relating to one or more main tournament sponsors. For example, a beverage company may sponsor one or more tournaments and be the main sponsor of this specific tournament. In another example, a golf equipment manufacturer may be the main sponsor. In various examples, any company (e.g., vacation rentals, casinos, online gaming companies, etc.) may be the main sponsor, a junior sponsor, item sponsor, prize sponsor, and/or a minor sponsor of a tournament.

One or more tournament results **808** may include data relating to the tournament placement, prize amount, time to complete the tournament, and/or any other data relating to the individual player. This area may be highlighted to enhance the player's ability to find their tournament placement.

Top boarder advertising area **804**A may include data relating to one or more tournament sponsors. For example, a beverage company may sponsor one or more tournament and be a sponsor of this specific tournament. In another example, a golf equipment manufacturer may be a sponsor of this specific tournament. In various examples, any company (e.g., vacation rentals, casinos, online gaming companies, etc.) may be the main sponsor, a junior sponsor, item sponsor, prize sponsor, and/or a minor sponsor.

Bottom boarder advertising area **804**B may include data relating to one or more tournament sponsors. For example, a beverage company may sponsor one or more tournament and be a sponsor of this specific tournament. In another example, a golf equipment manufacturer may be a sponsor of this specific tournament. In various examples, any company (e.g., vacation rentals, casinos, online gaming companies, etc.) may be the main sponsor, a junior sponsor, item sponsor, prize sponsor, and/or a minor sponsor.

Sponsor leaderboard area **810**A may be sponsored by one or more sponsors and may display data (e.g., top scores, number of players, name of top players, status of tournament (e.g., beginning, time remaining, ended, etc.), asynchronous tournament data, synchronous tournament data, tournament structure data, etc.) relating to one or more tournament players (see one or more leader board data **810**B).

QR bar code area **812** may be utilized by the player via a smartphone to obtain more tournament information, cash in their prize, sign-up for additional tournaments, schedule another tournament, book a hotel room, receive one or more advertisements and/or offers, obtain a credit line, book a restaurant reservation, and/or obtain any other service.

Bar code area **814** may be utilized by the player via one or more devices to obtain more tournament information, cash in their prize, sign-up for additional tournaments, schedule another tournament, book a hotel room, receive one or more advertisements and/or offers, obtain a credit line, book a restaurant reservation, and/or obtain any other service.

In FIG. **9**A, an illustration of a display utilized in asynchronous tournament play is shown, according to one embodiment. In one example, a first display image **910** may include a tournament title area **912**, a tournament characteristics area **913**, a tournament status area **914**, a prize breakdown area **916**, a first prize area **918**A, an Nth prize area **918**B, a first advertisement area **911**, and a second advertisement area **915**. In one example, tournament title area **912** may include the tournament name, one or more tournament locations, the number of tournament players, etc. In another example, tournament characteristic area **913** may include the start time of the tournament, the end time of the tournament, the length of the tournament, one or more tournament windows, the last entry time, the cost of the tournament, etc. In another example, tournament status area **914** may include the time left for the tournament, the time left to enter the tournament, the number of players registered for the tournament, the number of registered players that have completed the tournament, the number of registered players that still need to complete the tournament, the number of registered players that are currently participating in the tournament, etc. In another example, prize breakdown area **916** may include one or more places (e.g., 1-N) and one or more prizes (e.g., first prize area **918**A to Nth prize area **918**B).

First advertisement area **911** may include one or more advertisements and/or sponsor data. In one example, the one or more advertisements may offer a buy one get one free advertisement (e.g., shows, food, entertainment, lodging, etc.). In another example, the advertisement may be a free offer, a percentage off offer, and/or any other advertisement offering. In another example, the advertisements and/or sponsor data may be based on player preferences, player data, player demographics, and/or any other customizable data. In another example, the advertisements and/or sponsor data may be displayed at a first tournament time (e.g., beginning), at a second tournament time (e.g., a break period), at a third tournament time (e.g., 10 minutes into the tournament), at a fourth tournament time (e.g., at the end), and/or any other time period. Further, the advertisement and/or sponsor data may be related to any theme, promotion, a special event, and/or any other item.

Second advertisement area **915** may include one or more advertisements and/or sponsor data. In one example, the one or more advertisements may offer a buy one get one free advertisement (e.g., shows, food, entertainment, lodging, etc.). In another example, the advertisement may be a free offer, a percentage off offer, and/or any other advertisement offering. In another example, the advertisements and/or sponsor data may be based on player preferences, player data, player demographics, and/or any other customizable data. In another example, the advertisements and/or sponsor data may be displayed at a first tournament time (e.g., beginning), at a second tournament time (e.g., a break period), at a third tournament time (e.g., 10 minutes into the tournament), at a fourth tournament time (e.g., at the end), and/or any other time period. Further, the advertisement and/or sponsor data may be related to any theme, promotion, a special event, and/or any other item.

Signage module **422** may utilize data from any module, any other server (e.g., statistics server **418** and/or signage server), and/or any other data source to generate images for display on: electronic gaming device **100**; an internal display device within a gaming entity; an external display device outside of a gaming entity; one or more devices at one or more satellite locations; one or more mobile devices; one or more Internet sites; and/or any combination thereof.

In another example, a method may include obtaining data from one or more gaming devices and/or tournament servers. The method may also include generating historical data for the one or more gaming devices and/or tournament servers. The method may include generating a message for the one or more gaming devices, outside signage, inside displays, and/or any other device based on the historical data. The method may include displaying an image based on the message.

In FIG. **9**B, another illustration of a display utilized in asynchronous tournament play is shown, according to one embodiment. A second display **920** may include a tournament leaderboard title area **922**, a player cutoff area **924**, a category area **926**, one or more data areas **928**, and a third advertisement area **921**. Tournament leaderboard title area **922** may include the tournament's title, the current leader's name, the current leader's score, the payout for winning the tournament, the entry fee, the deadline for entering, one or more locations to play in the tournament, etc. Player cutoff area **924** may include data relating to the estimated score needed to obtain one or more prizes. Category area **926** may include player placement data (e.g., ranking from first to last), one or more players names relating to the one or more rankings, one or more total scores relating to the one or more players and/or rankings, one or more play dates relating to the one or more players and/or rankings, and/or a remarks area. One or more data areas **928** may include the ranking numbers (e.g., 1^{st} to Nth), one or more player names, one or more scores, one or more dates played, and/or one or more other player comments (e.g., a smiley face, Hi Mom!, Moving Up!, Cannot Lose, etc.).

Third advertisement area **921** may include one or more advertisements and/or sponsor data. In one example, the one or more advertisements may offer a buy one get one free advertisement (e.g., shows, food, entertainment, lodging, etc.). In another example, the advertisement may be a free offer, a percentage off offer, and/or any other advertisement offering. In another example, the advertisements and/or sponsor data may be based on player preferences, player data, player demographics, and/or any other customizable data. In another example, the advertisements and/or sponsor data may be displayed at a first tournament time (e.g., beginning), at a second tournament time (e.g., a break period), at a third tournament time (e.g., 10 minutes into the tournament), at a fourth tournament time (e.g., at the end), and/or any other time period. Further, the advertisement and/or sponsor data may be related to any theme, promotion, a special event, and/or any other item.

In one example, the leaderboard data may be utilized by casino signage showing tournament standings during the tournament period at the casino. In another example, the leadership data may be utilized by a webpage showing the same information. Further, a billboard external to the casino might advertise the leaderboard standings, have a tournament countdown, entry information, etc. In another example, social media websites may utilize this data (see FIG. **9**D).

In FIG. **9**C, another illustration of a display utilized in asynchronous tournament play is shown, according to one embodiment. A third image **930** may include a gaming device tournament display area **932**, a gaming device **934**, gaming slot area **936**, a gaming message area **938**, a fourth advertisement area **934**, and a fifth advertisement area **936**. Gaming device tournament display area **932** may be located anywhere on gaming device (e.g., one or more displays, gaming message area **938**, etc.). Gaming device tournament display are **932** may include data relating to the tournaments name, the current leaderboard, the ending time of the tournament, the number of players left, the amount of time left in the tournament, one or more prizes, the names and scores of one or more leaders, etc. In another example, a tournament display screen **931** may be located in one or more locations within the casino. Tournament display screen **931** may include data relating to the tournaments name, one or more locations to sign up for the tournament, the current leaderboard, the ending time of the tournament, the number of players left, the amount of time left in the tournament, one or more prizes, the names and scores of one or more leaders, etc.

Fourth advertisement area **934** may include one or more advertisements and/or sponsor data. In one example, the one or more advertisements may offer a buy one get one free advertisement (e.g., shows, food, entertainment, lodging, etc.). In another example, the advertisement may be a free offer, a percentage off offer, and/or any other advertisement offering. In another example, the advertisements and/or sponsor data may be based on player preferences, player data, player demographics, and/or any other customizable data. In another example, the advertisements and/or sponsor data may be displayed at a first tournament time (e.g., beginning), at a second tournament time (e.g., a break period), at a third tournament time (e.g., 10 minutes into the tournament), at a fourth tournament time (e.g., at the end), and/or any other time period. Further, the advertisement and/or sponsor data may be related to any theme, promotion, a special event, and/or any other item.

Fifth advertisement area **936** may include one or more advertisements and/or sponsor data. In one example, the one or more advertisements may offer a buy one get one free advertisement (e.g., shows, food, entertainment, lodging, etc.). In another example, the advertisement may be a free offer, a percentage off offer, and/or any other advertisement offering. In another example, the advertisements and/or sponsor data may be based on player preferences, player data, player demographics, and/or any other customizable data. In another example, the advertisements and/or sponsor data may be displayed at a first tournament time (e.g., beginning), at a second tournament time (e.g., a break period), at a third tournament time (e.g., 10 minutes into the tournament), at a fourth tournament time (e.g., at the end), and/or any other time period. Further, the advertisement and/or sponsor data may be related to any theme, promotion, a special event, and/or any other item.

In FIG. **9**D, another illustration of a display utilized in asynchronous tournament play is shown, according to one embodiment. A fourth image **940** may include tournament areas **941**, one or more links **942**, one or more join areas **943**, one or more tournament information scrolls **945**, one or more scrollers **948**, one or more tournaments details **946**, a detailed tournament area **947**A, a detailed payout structure **947**B, a detailed tournament remaining period **947**C, a detailed leaderboard **947**D, one or more leaderboard data **947**F, a leaderboard scroll **947**G, a tournament name area **944**A, a tournament status **944**B, a tournament remaining period **944**C, a tournament prize area **944**D, a tournament entry fee **944**E, and one or more tournament location **944**F.

Tournament areas **941** may include data relating to one or more tournament titles, one or more tournament structures, and/or any other information relating to one or more tournaments.

One or more links **942** may include links to one or more general social sites (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, etc.), one or more sporting events (e.g. ESPN, etc.), one or more casino specific social sites, etc. One or more join areas **943** may include a join link, a sign-in button, a sign-off button, etc.

One or more tournament information scrolls **945** may show high-level information relating to one or more tournaments where a user can select one or more of these tournaments to obtain more detailed information relating to the one or more tournaments. One or more scrollers **948** may allow a user to scroll up and/or down a list of tournaments. One or more tournaments details **946** may include tournament data, such as, the tournament name, when the tournament begins, when the tournament ends, the prize structure, the tournament entry fee, the tournament location, one or more venues to enter (e.g., mobile device, mobile application, satellite locations, etc.), and/or any other tournament data.

Detailed tournament area **947**A may include more tournament data, such as tournament name area **944**A, the leaderboard (e.g., detailed leaderboard **947**D), a detailed prize structure (e.g., tournament prize area **944**D and/or detailed payout structure **947**B), the tournament players, the tournament leaders (e.g., one or more leaderboard data **947**F), one or more entry times, the last entry time, the entry fee (e.g., tournament entry fee **944**E), the length of the tournament, the remaining tournament time (e.g., tournament remaining period **944**C and/or detailed tournament remaining period **947**C), tournament status **944**B, one or more tournament venues (e.g., one or more tournament locations **944**F), and/or any other tournament data, which may be accessed via leaderboard scroll **947**G.

In one example, when groups participate, the performance of individual members might be awarded differently based on a variety of metrics such as, fastest member (most plays), luckiest member (best win ratio), first to enter score, etc. In various examples, the tournament structure may allow individuals to compete against individuals, teams to compete against individuals, and/or teams to compete against teams.

In FIG. **9**E, an illustration of one or more side-betting options utilized in asynchronous tournament play is shown, according to one embodiment. A fifth image **950** may include a tournament title area **952**, one or more side-bet criteria **954**, one or more side-bet options **956**, a selected side-bet **958**, and a sixth advertisement area **951**.

Tournament title area **952** may include data relating to one or more tournament titles. One or more side-bet criteria **954** may include the name of the person and/or team relating to the side-bet, the scores for one or more players and/or teams, the status for one or more players and/or teams, the side-bet odds, and a side-bet button (e.g., one or more side-bet options **956**) to indicate a side bet (e.g., selected side-bet **958**).

In this example, the management system may allow for side-betting on the results of the tournament. Also, the management system may allow for tournament participants to be groups where an all-group tournament could be scored based on group total scores. Conversely, groups and individuals could participate in a tournament together where, groups compete with their collective average against individual scores (see FIG. **9**F). The management system may award individual tournament participants and/or group participants for similar metrics. Further, individual tournament participants and/or group participants may compete against each other.

Sixth advertisement area **951** may include one or more advertisements and/or sponsor data. In one example, the one or more advertisements may offer a buy one get one free advertisement (e.g., shows, food, entertainment, lodging, etc.). In another example, the advertisement may be a free offer, a percentage off offer, and/or any other advertisement offering. In another example, the advertisements and/or sponsor data may be based on player preferences, player data, player demographics, and/or any other customizable data. In another example, the advertisements and/or sponsor data may be displayed at a first tournament time (e.g., beginning), at a second tournament time (e.g., a break period), at a third tournament time (e.g., 10 minutes into the tournament), at a fourth tournament time (e.g., at the end), and/or any other time period. Further, the advertisement and/or sponsor data may be related to any theme, promotion, a special event, and/or any other item.

In FIG. **9**F, another illustration of a display utilized in asynchronous tournament play is shown, according to one embodiment. A sixth image **960** may include one or more team and/or individual criteria area **962**, a first team data area **964**, a first individual player area **966**, and an Nth team data area **968**.

One or more team and/or individual criteria area **962** may include a name category, a score category, a date category, a status category, and/or an average score category. First team data area **964** may include the first team's name, the first team's total score, the first team's playing history in this tournament, the first team's status, and/or the first team's average score. First individual player area **966** may include the individual's name, the individual's score, the individual's history in this tournament, the individual's status, and the individual average score. Nth team data area **968** may include the Nth team's name, the Nth team's total score, the Nth team's playing history in this tournament, the Nth team's status, and/or the Nth team's average score. In one example, an individual may compete against a team by comparing the average scores for both the individual and the team to determine a winner.

In another example, when one or more individuals and/or one or more groups compete against each other, a group's score may be determined by the team average. In another example, the group's score may be determined by averaging the players' scores, unless the player's score is zero, in which case the zero score may be excluded when determining the group's average score. For example, a group of four players where a first player's score is 100,000; a second player's score is 50,000; a third player's score is 150,000; and a fourth player's score is 0, then the group's average would be 100,000 (e.g., 100,000+50,000+150,000 divided by 3). In another example, the group's average may include one or more player scores that are zero. For example, a group of four players where a first player's score is 100,000; a second player's score is 50,000; a third player's score is 150,000; and a fourth player's score is 0, then the group's average would be 75,000 (e.g., 100,000+50,000+150,000 divided by 4).

In FIG. **10**, another flow diagram of asynchronous tournament play **10** is shown, according to one embodiment. The method may include one or more players and/or one or more groups (e.g., teams) participating in one or more tournaments (e.g., step **1002**). The method may include determining a first player criteria and/or first tournament criteria (step **1004**). In one example, the first player criteria and/or first tournament criteria may be the most plays (e.g., fastest player). In another example, the first player criteria and/or first tournament criteria may be least plays (e.g., slowest player). In another example, the first player criteria and/or first tournament cri-

teria may be the first to win a specific prize on a spin—the first player to win 1,000 credits, the first player to win 100 credits twice, the first player to win 10 free spins, the first player to win 500 credits with a 2× multiplier, the first player to win 1,000 credits, 5 free spins, and a scatter bonus, etc. The method may include generating one or more prizes based on the first player criteria and/or the first tournament criteria (step **806**). In various examples, any prize and/or item of value may be generated for achieving the first player criteria and/or the first tournament criteria. Various examples include money (e.g., $50, $100, etc.), free play, free future tournament entry, free current tournament entry, free hotel room, free food, free entertainment, any item of value (e.g., car, iPhone, iPad, etc.), and/or any combination thereof. The method may include determining second player criteria and/or second tournament criteria (step **1008**). In one example, the second player criteria and/or the second tournament criteria may be a best winning ratio. The best winning ratio may be the ratio of winning spins versus completed spins. The method may include generating one or more prizes based on the second player criteria and/or the second tournament criteria (step **1010**). The method may include determining an Nth player criteria and/or an Nth tournament criteria (step **1012**). In one example, the Nth player criteria and/or the Nth tournament criteria may be a first to score criteria. The method may include generating one or more prizes based on the Nth player criteria and/or the Nth tournament criteria (step **1014**). It should be noted that all of these player criteria may be utilized as team criteria. For example, the first team criteria and/or first tournament criteria may be the most plays by a team (e.g., fastest players). In another example, the first team criteria and/or first tournament criteria may be least plays by a team (e.g., slowest players). In another example, the first team criteria and/or first tournament criteria may be the first team to win a specific prize on a spin—the first team to win 1,000 credits, the first team to win 100 credits twice, the first team to win 10 free spins, the first team to win 500 credits with a 2× multiplier, the first team to win 1,000 credits, 5 free spins, and a scatter bonus, etc. In various examples, any prize and/or item of value may be generated for achieving the player criteria, the team criteria, and/or the tournament criteria. Various examples include money (e.g., $50, $100, etc.), free play, free future tournament entry, free current tournament entry, free hotel room, free food, free entertainment, any item of value (e.g., car, iPhone, iPad, etc.), and/or any combination thereof.

To manage such large tournaments, game bracketing, in various formats may be supported as well. For instance, a single and/or double elimination bracket format might be applied to the tournament to extend the competition, allow another chance to avoid the single unlucky game factor, and appropriately manage much larger groups of participants.

In FIG. **11**, another flow diagram of asynchronous tournament play **1100** is shown, according to one embodiment. In this example, a tournament bracket is shown were a first player **1101**, a second player **1102**, a third player **1103**, a fourth player **1104**, a fifth player **1105**, a sixth player **1106**, an N−1 player **1107**, and an N player **1108** compete in a first bracket **1110**. In this example, the winner of each match (e.g., first player **1101** versus second player **1102**, third player **1103** versus fourth player **1104**, fifth player **1105** versus sixth player **1106**, N−1 player **1107** versus N player **1108**) moves onto a second bracket **1120**. In this example, the winner of each match (e.g., first player **1101** versus fourth player **1104** and sixth player **1106** versus N player **1108**) in second bracket moves onto a third bracket **1130** where the winner of this match is a tournament winner **1140** (e.g., N player **1108**). In should be noted that any number (e.g., 1 to N) of players, any number (e.g., 1 to N) of matches, and/or any number (e.g., 1 to N) of brackets may be utilized. The above referenced examples may also be utilized with a first team, a second team, a third team, etc.

In FIG. **12**, another flow diagram of asynchronous tournament play **1200** is shown, according to one embodiment. In this example, a double elimination bracket system is utilized. In this example, the tournament play is a double elimination style where a player is eliminated once the player loses two matches. This method may include a first player and a second player competing in a first match **1202**. The winner of the first match **1202** moves onto a third match **1206**. The loser of the first match **1202** moves onto a fourth match **1208**. The method further includes a third player and a fourth player competing in a second match **1204**. The winner of the second match **1204** moves onto third match **1206** while the loser of the second match **1204** moves onto fourth match **1208**. The loser of the fourth match **1208** is eliminated from the tournament because this player has lost twice. In this case, the player has either lost in first match **1202** or second match **1204** and has now lost again in fourth match **1208**. The winner of fourth match **1208** moves onto a fifth match **1210** to play the loser of third match **1206**. The winner of fifth match **1210** will play the winner of third match **1206** in a sixth match **1212**. This method continues (e.g., a seventh match **1214**, etc.) until all of the players except one has two loses. The above referenced examples may also be utilized with a first team, a second team, a third team, etc.

In FIG. **13**, another flow diagram of asynchronous tournament play **1300** is shown, according to one embodiment. The method may include comparing two or more tournament scores for two or more players and/or two or more teams (step **1302**). The method may include ranking two or more tournament scores for two or more players and/or two or more teams (step **1304**). The method may include generating one or more leaderboard outputs (step **1306**). The method may include transmitting one or more leaderboard outputs to one or more devices (step **1308**). The method may include displaying one or more leaderboard outputs. For example, the leaderboard information may be displayed on an exterior display to promote one or more tournaments to the public. In another example, the leaderboard information may be displayed on an interior display to promote one or more tournaments to casino players. In another example, the leaderboard information may be displayed on an Internet site to promote one or more tournaments. In another example, the leaderboard information may be displayed on one or more gaming devices to promote the one or more tournaments and/or to update tournament participants on the tournament status.

In FIG. **14**, another flow diagram of asynchronous tournament play **1400** is shown, according to one embodiment. The method may include validating (e.g., compare tournament data to a secure source to valid the tournament data) one or more tournament scores for two or more players and/or two or more teams (step **1402**). The method may include comparing two or more tournament scores for two or more players and/or two or more teams (step **1404**). The method may include ranking two or more tournament scores for two or more players and/or two or more teams (step **1406**). The method may include generating one or more prizes based on the one or more ranked and validated scores (step **1408**). The method may include distributing the one or more prizes (step **1410**).

In another example, the system and/or method may include enabling one or more multi-site tournament aspects. In one example, one or more tournaments may be held across multiple casinos either at the same time or asynchronously. In the

asynchronous case, the system and/or method may add multiple casino tournament management servers in the event. In the simultaneous case, tournament management servers from different, participating, sites may connect and await for either: a predetermined start time; a pre-designated 'master' casino of the group to press the start button; and/or each participating casino may each have to press their own start buttons to begin the tournament. In various examples, group playing and side-betting enhancement options may be applied to the simultaneous tournament play. In addition, some additional forms of winner can happen here, i.e., winning casino of the group by average score, total score for a fixed-size tournament such as 20 players per casino required, etc. There may also be a local winner for each casino in addition to an overall winner across all casinos.

In another example, the system and/or method may print leaderboard information on a ticket. The Tournament system may print a 'receipt' using the voucher printer for each participant with their results. In another example, a leaderboard playback, showing the last 10 seconds, for example, of the leaderboard in motion may be utilized by the system and/or method. In addition, the winner's facial expressions obtained via camera **120** or **312** may be utilized by the leaderboard functionality and/or any other functionality.

In another example, a player registration process may be utilized. In one example, the system and/or method may utilize a player self-register. For instance, the game is in a non-tournament mode (e.g. revenue mode), the player comes up to it, is identified, and can either, validate their previously attained registration when they are ready to play in the tourney, or, they could register right at the game and begin. Once the player is finished, the game may go right back to revenue mode. Thus, reducing the 'down' time of the game and reducing the operations effort of the casino registering players and linking them with games.

One or more tournament presentations may be based on a first theme (e.g., pirates), a second theme (e.g., cars), a third theme (e.g., horses), a fourth theme (e.g., perceived skill), a fifth theme (e.g., a specific movie), a sixth theme (e.g., a sporting event), a seventh theme (e.g., outer space), an eight theme (e.g., flowers), a ninth theme (e.g., food), a tenth theme (e.g., a skill based presentation), an eleventh theme (e.g., trivia), a twelve theme (e.g., pick a bonus), a thirteenth theme (e.g., ghost), a fourteenth theme (e.g., natural events), on a fifteenth theme (e.g., a mineral—gold, silver, etc.), and/or a sixteenth theme (e.g., mythology). One, a few, a plurality, and/or all of these presentations may be themed based.

In FIG. **15**, a flow diagram for tournament game play **1500** is shown, according to one embodiment. The method may include starting one or more tournaments (step **1502**). The method may include placing one or more advertisements on one or more gaming devices (step **1504**). The method may include ending one or more tournaments (step **1506**). The method may include placing one or more advertisements on one or more gaming devices and displaying one or more tournament results (step **1508**). The method may include generating and delivering one or more vouchers on one or more gaming devices (step **1510**).

In FIG. **16**, a flow diagram for tournament game play **1600** is shown, according to one embodiment. The method may include receiving one or more tournament codes (step **1602**). The method may include generating one or more presentations based on the one or more tournament codes (step **1604**). The method may include displaying the one or more presentations (step **1606**). The method may include generating one or more feedback signals based on one or more inputs (step **1608**). The one or more presentation may include one or more advertisements and/or sponsor data. In one example, the one or more advertisements may offer a buy one get one free advertisement (e.g., shows, food, entertainment, lodging, etc.). In another example, the advertisement may be a free offer, a percentage off offer, and/or any other advertisement offering. In another example, the advertisements and/or sponsor data may be based on player preferences, player data, player demographics, and/or any other customizable data. In another example, the advertisements and/or sponsor data may be displayed at a first tournament time (e.g., beginning), at a second tournament time (e.g., a break period), at a third tournament time (e.g., 10 minutes into the tournament), at a fourth tournament time (e.g., at the end), and/or any other time period. Further, the advertisement and/or sponsor data may be related to any theme, promotion, a special event, and/or any other item. In one example, the player may provide feedback on the one or more advertisements and the system and/or method may modify the offering based on this feedback and present the new modified offering. For example, the offering may be a top of the line room at $200 a night. However, based on feedback received from the player, an average room at $100 a night might be the new offering.

FIG. **17** is a process flowchart of one example of a primary game play **1700** on an electronic gaming system, according to one embodiment. The method may include the step of a player adding credit to the electronic gaming system (step **1702**). It is contemplated that a player can do this by inserting cash, coins, a ticket representative of a cash value, a credit card, a player card, requesting an electronic funds transfer ("EFT"), otherwise requesting access to an account having monetary funds, and/or any combination thereof.

At step **1704**, the player selects the number of paylines to play. In one embodiment, the player can select from a plurality of different paylines to play. In a further embodiment, the player can only play a predetermined number of paylines. An example of this embodiment may be the instance where the gaming system only allows a player to play forty paylines, and cannot select to play more or less paylines. In another embodiment, the gaming system does not offer paylines, but rather offers a different way to evaluate the game play. One example of a different way may be sometime referred to as a 243-ways evaluation, where symbols may be evaluated based on the existence of like-symbol clusters on adjacent reels, starting with the left-most reel and continuing right, instead of how many paylines run through the like-symbol clusters.

At step **1706**, the player makes a wager on the game. In one embodiment, the wager may be a multiple of the number of paylines selected at step **1704**. In another embodiment, the wager may not be a multiple of the number of paylines selected at step **1704**. In a further embodiment, the wager may include a side-wager (e.g., ante bet), which may, in one example of such an embodiment, be used to make the player eligible to be awarded the extra functionality discussed above. It should be appreciated that in some embodiments, the order of steps **1704** and **1706** may be not critical, and so for example, a player can select the wager they wish to place, and then select the number of paylines they want it applied to, and that these embodiments are expressly contemplated as being within the scope of the present disclosure.

Continuing to step **1708**, the gaming system pulls random numbers from a random number generator ("RNG"). In one embodiment, the system pulls one random number for each reel. In another embodiment, the system pulls one random number which may be utilized to determine the stop positions for each reel. In another embodiment, the random numbers determined by the RNG may be based on the time that the

numbers may be pulled. In another embodiment, the random numbers determined by the RNG may be based on the prior numbers pulled.

At steps **1710** and **1712**, the gaming system utilizes the random numbers pulled at step **1708** to determine the primary game symbols to display in the play of the primary game, which in turn both determines the presentation of the game to the player and evaluates the game outcome. In one embodiment, the random numbers pulled determine the stopping positions for the reels, which may be then caused to stop at those associated positions, and then the gaming system evaluates the displayed primary game symbols to determine the game outcome. In another embodiment, the gaming system determines the game outcome based on the pulled random numbers, and then causes the game to present an associated outcome to the player.

At step **1714**, the win or loss outcome may be identified for the player. In one embodiment, this step can include additional messaging, which provides information related to the win or loss, such as why the player won or lost. In another embodiment, this step can include identification of the amount of any award earned by the player.

FIG. **18** is a process flowchart of one example of a combined primary and secondary game play **1800** on an electronic gaming system, according to one embodiment. The method may include the step of a player adding credit to the electronic gaming system (step **1802**). It is contemplated that a player can do this by inserting cash, coins, a ticket representative of a cash value, a credit card, a player card, requesting an electronic funds transfer ("EFT"), otherwise requesting access to an account having monetary funds, and/or any combination thereof.

At step **1804**, the player selects the number of paylines to play. In one embodiment, the player can select from a plurality of different paylines to play. In a further embodiment, the player can only play a predetermined number of paylines. An example of this embodiment may be the instance where the gaming system only allows a player to play forty paylines, and cannot select to play more or less paylines. In another embodiment, the gaming system does not offer paylines, but rather offers a different way to evaluate the game play. One example of a different way may be sometime referred to as a 243-ways evaluation, where symbols may be evaluated based on the existence of like-symbol clusters on adjacent reels, starting with the left-most reel and continuing right, instead of how many paylines run through the like-symbol clusters.

At step **1806**, the player makes a wager on the game. In one embodiment, the wager may be a multiple of the number of paylines selected at step **1804**. In another embodiment, the wager may not be a multiple of the number of paylines selected at step **1804**. In a further embodiment, the wager may include a side-wager, which may, in one example of such an embodiment, be used to make the player eligible to be awarded the extra functionality discussed above. It should be appreciated that in some embodiments, the order of steps **1804** and **1806** may be not critical, and so for example, a player can select the wager they wish to place, and then select the number of paylines they want it applied to, and that these embodiments may be expressly contemplated as being within the scope of the present disclosure.

Continuing to step **1808**, the gaming system pulls random numbers from a random number generator "RNG". In one embodiment, the system pulls one random number for each reel. In another embodiment, the system pulls one random number which may be utilized to determine the stop positions for each reel. In another embodiment, the random numbers determined by the RNG may be based on the time that the numbers may be pulled. In another embodiment, the random numbers determined by the RNG may be based on the prior numbers pulled.

At step **1810**, the gaming system utilizes the random numbers pulled at step **1808** to evaluate the game outcome. In one embodiment, the random numbers pulled determine the stopping positions for the reels, which may be then caused to stop at those associated positions, and then the gaming system evaluates the displayed primary game symbols to determine the game outcome. In another embodiment, the gaming system determines the game outcome based on the pulled random numbers, and then causes the game to present an associated outcome to the player.

At step **1812**, the gaming system determines if a secondary or bonus game may be triggered. In one embodiment, the bonus game is triggered by the display of a plurality of matching symbols at a plurality of predetermined symbol positions within a play of the primary game. In one example, the bonus game may be triggered if a plurality of matching symbols is displayed on the 2^{nd}, 3^{rd} and 4^{th} reel. In another example, the bonus game may be triggered if matching symbols are displayed on the 1^{st}, 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} reels. In a further example, the bonus game may be triggered if matching symbols occur at predetermined symbol positions that include consecutive and non-consecutive reels. In another example, a bonus game (e.g., secondary game) may be triggered in any way (e.g., one special symbols in any locations, one special symbol in one or more predetermined locations, two special symbols in any locations, two special symbols in one or more predetermined locations, three special symbols in any locations, three special symbols in one or more predetermined locations, etc.).

If it is determined that a bonus or secondary game was not triggered, the process continues to step **1814**, where the base game may be fully presented to the player. As discussed above, the orders of step **1810**, **1812**, and **1814** can be changed without affecting the novel concepts disclosed herein.

At step **1816**, the win or loss outcome of the primary game may be identified for the player. In one embodiment, this step can include additional messaging, which provides information related to the win or loss, such as why the player won or lost. In another embodiment, this step can include identification of the amount of any award earned by the player.

If it is determined at step **1812** that a bonus or secondary game was triggered, then process **1800** continues to step **1818**, where the secondary game may be presented to the player. As discussed above, there are numerous ways to present the secondary or bonus game to the player.

At steps **1820** and **1822**, the outcome of the secondary game may be evaluated and presented to the player. In one embodiment, the outcome of the bonus game will always be a winning outcome. In another embodiment, the outcome of the secondary game will cause a significant award to be provided to the player. In one example of such an embodiment, the award may not be provided by the gaming system, as a casino operator may need to verify tax information before allowing such an award to be provided to the player. In one embodiment, instead of the process **1800** ending after step **1822**, the process continues to step **1814** so as to finalize the primary game outcome presentation to the player.

FIG. **19** shows a block diagram of memory **1904**, which includes various modules. Memory **1904** may include a validation module **1902**, a voucher module **1904**, a reporting module **1906**, a maintenance module **1908**, a player tracking preferences module **1910**, a tournament module **1912**, a bonus module **1914**, an evaluation module **1916**, a statistics module **1918**, a card tracking module **1920**, a card promo-

tional module **1922**, a card generation and validation module **1924**, a presentation generation and implementation module **1926**, and/or a card trading module **1928**.

Statistics module **1918** may generate, compile, transmit, and/or store any statistical data relating to one or more gaming options (e.g., base game mode, bonus game mode, tournament mode, etc.). For example, Special card type 1 (e.g., steal 100 credits from all players) is effective 99.9% of the time. Whereas, Defense card type 1 (e.g., block spin stealing) is only effective 62% of the time. In one example, Special card type 1 may be move valuable (and/or rare), then Defense card type 2. This data may also include data relating to any interrelationship of elements. For example, when an Attack card type 1 is utilized, a Defense card type 3 is utilized 28% of the time.

Card tracking module **1920** may track one or more power-up cards, which are available to the player, a few players, a plurality of players, and/or all of the players. Card tracking module **1920** may track power-up cards that have been utilized by the player, are in a player's card bank, are at a vendor's location, are assigned to a vendor, are in circulation, are on the trading block, have traded multiple times, are currently being utilized in a tournament, and/or any other ownership and/or movement of one or more power-up cards. Card tracking module **1920** may generate historical movement patterns of one or more power-up cards. Card tracking module **1920** may generate any other report relating to one or more power-up cards.

Card promotional module **1922** may provide power-up cards as part of a promotional activity (e.g., card promotional module **1922** may be used at gaming machines, local retail stores, internet sites, and/or anywhere the casino wants to market to current and potential players). For example, the player may be playing electronic gaming device **100** and based on earning a predetermined outcome one or more power-up cards may be earned. In another example, the player may be shopping at a retail store and once a predetermined dollar amount (e.g., $25, $50, $100, etc.) is spent, the player will receive one or more power-up cards. In another example, the player may be shopping at a retail store and purchase a specified item (e.g., TV, computer, tablet, etc.). Based on this specific purchase, the player may receive one or more power-up cards.

Card generation and validation module **1924** may generate new power-up cards for the player, validate power-up cards being added by the player, validate cards being traded by players, validate cards being utilized in a tournament, and/or validate power-up cards being deployed by the player in any fashion.

Presentation generation and implementation module **1926** may generate the presentation data (e.g., visual and audio) relating to one or more power-up game play options. A presentation module may display one or more of the generated presentations.

Card trading module **1928** may provide a place (e.g., virtual room) and/or function for players to trade their power-up cards with other players. Card trading module **428** may utilize card generation and validation module **1924** to validate cards being traded at a trading site.

FIG. **20** is a flow diagram for generating and distributing power-up cards, according to one embodiment. The method may include card generation and validation module **1924** generating one or more cards (step **2002**). The method may include offering one or more cards to the player (step **2004**). The method may include electronic gaming device **100**, electronic gaming system **200**, and/or any other processing device determining whether one or more cards have been accepted (step **2006**). The method may include tagging one or more accepted cards (step **2008**). The method may include the updating of the card database based on the one or more tagged cards (step **2010**). Once done, the method may end. In one example, the tagging procedure is utilized to validate one or more power-up cards.

In one example, the player may be playing electronic gaming device **100** and/or electronic gaming system **200** within an affiliated casino property where the electronic gaming device displays (e.g., offers) one or more power-up cards (e.g., one or more special skill cards, one or more attack cards, one or more defense cards, etc.) for the player to select from based on a random event. Power-up cards may be earned and/or offered based on performance, randomly, a predetermined pattern, a player level, player card data, and/or in any other distribution method.

In another example, the player may be playing an electronic gaming device, based on earning a predetermined outcome electronic gaming device **100** and/or electronic gaming system **200** may display one or more power-up cards (e.g., Special card type 1, Special card type 2, Attack card type 1, Attack card type 2, Defense card type 1, Defense card type 2, etc.) for the player to select from. For example, three power-up card symbols may be displayed on one or more reels, which may generate one power-up card. In another example, five power-up card symbols may be displayed on one or more reels, which may generate three power-up cards and/or one rare power-up card. In one example, a power-up card may be rare (e.g., limited) because of the functionality of the card (e.g., powerful, special, effectiveness, rubber and glue functionality—reverses an attack back onto the attacker, etc.). In another example, a power-up card may be common (e.g., large supply) because of the functionality of the card (e.g., hit or miss effectiveness, limited power, etc.).

In another example, the player may be shopping at a retail store, which the casino has formed a relationship, where when the player spends a predetermined dollar amount (e.g., $25, $50, $100, etc.) the player will receive one or more power-up cards (e.g., one or more special skill cards, one or more attack cards, one or more defense cards, etc.). In one example, the higher the total spent by the player, the better the one or more power-up cards are valued and/or the more cards are offered.

In another example, the player may be shopping at a retail store, which the casino has formed a relationship, where when the player purchases a specified item (e.g., TV, computer, tablet, etc.) the player will receive one or more power-up cards (e.g., Special card type 1, Special card type 2, Attack card type 1, Attack card type 2, Defense card type 1, Defense card type 2, etc.). In one example, depending on the item purchased changes which power-up cards are offered and/or earned by the player. For example, the purchase of a computer may entail one or more first level power-up cards. Whereas, the purchase of a computer may entail one or more second level power-up cards. In one example, the first level power-up cards may be less valuable then the second level power-up cards.

In another example, the player may eat at a restaurant, which the casino has formed a relationship, where when the player spends a predetermined dollar amount (e.g., $25, $50, $100, etc.) the player will receive one or more power-up cards (e.g., one or more special skill cards, one or more attack cards, one or more defense cards, etc.).

In another example, the player may eat at a restaurant, which the casino has formed a relationship, where when the player purchases a specified item (e.g., an appetizer, special drink, certain entre, etc.) the player will receive a power-up

card. As a further example, if you purchase a Big Mac Value Meal at McDonalds you may receive one or more power-up cards (e.g., one or more special skill cards, one or more attack cards, one or more defense cards, etc.).

In another example, the player may do business with any business (e.g., cable company, car repair facility, car dealership, car wash, landscape service, bank, etc.), which the casino has formed a relationship, where when the player makes a purchase and/or completes some other specified activity (e.g., test drives a new car), they receive a power-up card.

In another example, the casino may provide power-up cards based on a player utilizing other facilities at the casino (e.g., booking hotel rooms, using the spa, eating at on-site restaurants, comps for playing table games, etc.).

Receipt of the power-up card could be in the form of a scratch and revel ticket, an actual card (e.g., Baseball type trading card), a ticket with a bar code, an internet website with a redemption code, applied to their player club card, stored in a card bank, stored in a tournament bank, and/or any method for providing cards.

FIG. **21** is a flow diagram for activating one or more power-up game cards, according to one embodiment. The method may include obtaining one or more cards (step **2102**). The method may include the activation of one or more cards (step **2104**). The method may include the storing of the activated card(s) (step **2106**). The method may then end.

In one example, the player may obtain a scratch and reveal ticket, which once scratched may reveal multiple cards for the player to select one or more of the power-up cards. To activate one or more power-up cards, the player may enter in a redemption code associated with the power-up card selected by the player via internet, gaming device, and/or any other computing device. In one example, the player may have to login to their account to activate the one or more power-up cards.

In another example, the player may be playing electronic gaming device **100** and/or electronic gaming system **200**. Based on earning a predetermined outcome electronic gaming device **100** and/or electronic gaming system **200** may display one or more power-up cards for the player to have the option to select one or more power-up cards from the one or more presented power-up cards. Once the player selects the one or more power-up cards, electronic gaming device **100**, electronic gaming system **200**, and/or any other processing device may then activate the one or more power-up cards.

In another example, electronic gaming device **100** and/or electronic gaming system **200**, based on betting a certain amount, may display power-up cards for the player to select from. Once the player selects the power-up card(s), electronic gaming device **100**, electronic gaming system **200**, and/or any other processing device may then activate the card.

In another example, the player may obtain one or more power-up cards through one or more trades with one or more different players. Once the player selects a power-up card to trade, electronic gaming device **100**, electronic gaming system **200**, and/or any other processing device may then remove the traded power-up card from one player's card bank and activate the card in the other player's card bank. The trade may take place via card trading module **1928**. The trade may be tracked through card tracking module **1920** and/or card trading module **1928**.

In another example, electronic gaming device **100**, electronic gaming system **200**, and/or any other device may distribute a ticket for the player to take to an activation terminal to activate one or more power-up cards.

In another example, electronic gaming device **100** and/or electronic gaming system **200** may distribute a ticket with a redemption code and a website for activation via the Internet of the one or more power-up cards. Any of these examples may be utilized in combination and/or any other way to activate the card may be used.

FIG. **22** is a flow diagram of tournament play, according to one embodiment. The method may include the player entering the tournament (step **2202**). The method may include a determination if the player's account has power-up cards banked or not (step **2204**). If the player has power-up cards, the method may include allowing the player to elect to use banked power-up cards (step **2206**). If the player has no power-up cards, and/or elects not to use the banked power-up cards, the method may include generating one or more power-up cards for use in the tournament (Step **2212**). In the event the player elects to use banked power-up cards, the method may include the player selecting one or more banked power-up cards (step **2208**). The method may include generating additional power-up cards, if needed for tournament play (step **2210**). Once the player has the necessary power-up cards, the method may include playing in the tournament (step **2214**).

For example, in the event the tournament allows for the use of up to five power-up cards and a player only has three power-up cards in their bank of cards, then the player may be presented with a list of power-up cards from which they may select two additional power-up cards. In one example, the generated power-up cards may be generated randomly. In another example, the generated power-up cards may be generated in a predetermined pattern. In another example, the generated power-up cards may be generated based on a player level. In this example, a higher ranked player (e.g., gold card holder) may receive better cards than a lower ranked player (e.g., silver card holder). The better cards may be based on an average, be every time, and/or any other distribution method. In another example, if a player has banked cards that are good but decides not to utilize these good power-up cards for this tournament, the generated power-up cards may be below average cards.

In another example, if the player, in the above example, chooses to only utilize one of their banked power-up cards, they may be presented with a list of power-up cards from which they may select four additional power-up cards.

Any number (e.g., 1, 2, 5, 10, etc.) of additional power-up cards may be offered to the player. In one example, at the end of tournament play, any unused power-up cards may be banked. In another example, at the end of tournament play, any unused power-up cards may not be banked. In one example, any unused power-up cards at the end of tournament play may be banked if the player utilized all of their previously banked power-up cards. In another example, any unused rare power-up cards may be banked at the end of tournament play. In another example, only non-rare power-up cards may be banked at the end of tournament play. Any of these examples may be combined and/or reversed. For example, any unused power-up cards may be banked if the player did not utilize all of their previously banked power-up cards.

FIG. **23** is a flow diagram of tournament play, according to one embodiment. The method may include the tournament starting (step **2302**). The method may include determining if the player has one or more unused power-up cards (step **2304**). If the player does not have one or more unused power-up cards, the player may be asked to get one or more power-up cards (step **2305**). If the player does have available power-up cards, the method may include asking the player if they want

to use one or more of their power-up cards (step **2306**). If the player chooses to use one or more of their power-up cards, the method may include determining if the power-up card can be utilized against one or more specific players (step **2308**). If the power-up card cannot be used against specific players, it may be applied to all the players (step **2310**). If the player has a power-up card that can be used against one or more specific players, the player may be asked to select a player or players to target (step **2312**). The method may then include implementing one or more power-up cards against one or more targeted players (step **2314**). The game may then return to determining if the player has one or more unused power-up cards (step **2304**).

For example, if the player does not have one or more unused power-up cards the player may be directed by electronic gaming device **100** and/or electronic gaming system **200**, and/or any other source of direction, to where they may obtain power-up cards for use in the tournament. The player may be directed to any source for obtaining power-up cards, such as a bartender, tournament host/hostess, a location within the casino, and/or any other location where a power-up card could be distributed to players. In another example, electronic gaming device **100**, electronic gaming system **200**, and/or any other device may provide one or more power-up cards.

In another example, when the player does have a power-up card available for use, the tournament structure may allow the player to utilize one or more power-up cards. In one example, the player may elect to use a "steal 10 credits from all players" power-up card. The player would then receive 10 credits from each player who has not utilized a shield power-up card (e.g., credit shield card, total shield card, etc.). Therefore, any player that utilizes a credit shield defensive card (and/or similar card) would not have their credits stolen. In another example, a special power-up card may be a super steal power-up card, which may allow the player utilizing the power-up card to steal an item (e.g., credits, spins, etc.) regardless of whether that player utilizes a credit shield card, a total shield power-up card, and/or any similar power-up card. In another example, a super defense power-up card may stop any power-up card including a super attack power-up card. For example, a super credit steal card would be stopped by a super credit defense card (and/or a super defense card).

In another example, when the player does not have a power-up card available for use, the tournament structure may allow the player to elect a default card which may be a "shield from other player attack" power-up card. The shield from other player attack power-up card would keep the player from losing any item (e.g., credits, spins, etc.) if attacked by another player based on being in a vulnerable position. In another example, one or more tournament leaders (and/or any other player for any other reason (e.g., a penalty)) may have power-up cards frozen (e.g., temporary, for the tournament period, etc.), made inactive, removed, and/or taken away based on their position in the tournament, their activities, their conduct, randomly, and/or on a predetermined pattern.

In another example, the players may be given names. In this example two players, CARMEN and SCOTT are playing against each other. If CARMEN does have a power-up card available for use, CARMEN may elect to use a "stop a specific player from playing next 5-spins" power-up card. Then CARMEN may be asked which player to use the power-up card against (e.g., attack). If CARMEN elected to use it against SCOTT, SCOTT may then receive a notification that he was attacked by a power-up card from CARMEN. CARMEN may receive notification of the success of his attack against SCOTT. In a further example, SCOTT may be notified of the pending attack in advance and given an amount of time (e.g., 1 second, 5 seconds, 10 seconds, etc.) to shield himself. If SCOTT has a shield power-up card available, he may use this in the allotted time. In a further example, SCOTT may have implemented a "shield for next 10 plays" card, which would shield SCOTT from any other players' attack. Both SCOTT and CARMEN may then receive notification of the attack, the shielding, and/or the outcomes. The shield power-up cards may last for any amount of duration (e.g., 1 second, 5 minutes, three player's turns, three players' turns, etc.). In another example, one or more players may be able to see live video streams (and/or any other video representation of the other players—avatar) of the other players.

In another example, the tournament may have teams. For example, rather than the power-up card being used against just one individual, the player may elect to use the "stop a specific player from playing next 5 spins" card, against an entire team. By doing so, the entire team would have to halt play, allowing the team which implemented the power-up card to potentially move ahead.

In another example, rather than the shield power-up card being used to defend just one individual, the player may elect to use the "shield for next 10 plays" card for the benefit of the player's entire team. By doing so, the entire team may be protected from the opposing teams' power-up card attacks. In various example, the defense power-up cards (and/or the attack power-up cards) may be specific type of cards (e.g., defend against credit attack for 5 spins, defend against credit attack for 1 minute, defend against credit attack from one or more specific players for a time period ((e.g., 1 minute, five minutes, the entire tournament, etc.) and/or a turn number (e.g., 1 turn, 3 turns, all turns, etc.)), defend against spin attack for 10 spins, defend against spin attack for 5 minutes, defend against spin attack for next 3 spins and against credit attack for the next 5 minutes). The attack power-up cards may be specific type of cards (e.g., obtain credits and spins for next 5 spins, obtain credits for 1 minute from one or more players, obtain credits and multipliers from one or more specific players for a time period (e.g., 1 minute, five minutes, the entire tournament, etc.) and/or a turn number (e.g., 1 turn, 3 turns, all turns, etc.), obtain spins, credits, and multiplier for the next 10 spins, obtain spins for 5 minutes, obtain spins for the next 3 spins and credits for the next 5 minutes.

FIG. **24**A is another illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment. A first screen image **2400** may include a first image **2402**, a second image **2404**, a third image **2406**, a fourth image **2408**, a fifth image **2410**, a sixth image **2412**, a payline display area **2414**, a game data area **2416**, a game communication area **2418**, a game menu button **2420**, a bet reducer button **2422**, a bet increaser button **2424**, a bet amount image **2426**, a credit amount image **2428**, a win amount area **2430**, a credit value image **2432**, and a play button **2434**.

First screen image **2400** may include a predetermined number of columns and a predetermined number of rows. First screen image **2400** may include any number of rows and/or any number of columns. For example, first screen image **900** may have five rows and ten columns; first screen image **2400** may have eight rows and thirteen columns, and/or any other combinations of rows and columns. The player may initiate a wagering event through input device **316**. Images in each cell may scroll up and/or down and/or side-to-side. Positioning of the images displayed in the reels on first screen image **2400** may display the outcome of a wagering event (e.g., a win or a loss for the player).

For example, it may be that if all columns in a first row have the same image (e.g., cherries, bars, pictures of the player as

captured by camera **312**, etc.) then a winning event has occurred. Lining up of the images may happen in many ways. For example, if all images in the various cells, which are touching by a shared side or by a corner, have the same image, this may represent that a winning event has occurred. If all of the images in a single row have the same image, this may represent a winning event. If all of the images in a single column have the same image, this may represent a winning event. If all of the images on a diagonal column have the same image, this may represent a winning event. The diagonal column could include any number of cells (e.g., 1, 2, 4, etc.).

First image **2402**, second image **2404**, third image **2406**, fourth image **2408**, fifth image **2410**, and sixth image **2412** may be any image (e.g., card, letter, bar, cherry, blank, etc.). On first screen image **2400**, first image **2402**, second image **2404**, and third image **2406** are shown as "10×", which according to game communication area **918**, represent a win of 2,000 credits (e.g., 200 credits×10× multiplier). On first screen image **2400**, fourth image **2408**, fifth image **2410**, and sixth image **2412** are show as a win of "5 Free Spins".

Game data area **2416** may include additional data relating to the game. For example, game data area may include game communication area **2418**, game menu button **2420**, bet reducer button **2422**, bet increaser button **2424**, bet amount image **2426**, credit amount image **2428**, and win amount area **2430**, and/or any other information.

Game communication area **2418** may display message(s) to the player. In first screen image **2400**, the message states, "10× PAYS 2,000 CREDITS!". Game communication area **2418** may display any message.

Game menu button **2420** may include data relating to the game. For example, the payout structures, payout odds, the amount won over a predetermined number of game plays, the amount won over a specific time frame, and/or any other game play data may be accessed via game menu button **2420**. In another example, game menu button **2420** may access instructions on how to play the game, access to other games, and/or access to other versions of the same game.

Bet reducer button **2422** may decrease the amount of credits wagered on game play. Bet increaser button **2424** may increase the amount of credits wagered on game play. Bet amount image **2426** may show the amount of credits wagered on game play. Credit amount image **2428** may show the amount of credits available to the player for game play. Win amount area **2430** may show the payout amount of the last event. Credit value image **2432** may show the value of a single credit. Play button **2434** may start the next game. A banked free spins area **2435** may show the amount of banked spins. The banked free spins may be utilized at end time including at the end of regulation tournament play.

FIG. **24**B is another illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment. FIG. **24**B shows a second screen image **2400**A for electronic gaming device **100** and/or electronic gaming device **200** on display **318**. Second screen image **2400**A may include a first modified image **2402**A, a second modified image **2404**A, a third modified image **2406**A, a fourth modified image **2408**A, a fifth modified image **2410**A, a sixth modified image **2412**A, a modified game communication area **2418**A, a modified credit amount image **2428**A, and a modified win amount area **2430**A.

First modified image **2402**A may be a modification of first image **2402**, second modified image **2404**A may be a modification of second image **2404**, third modified image **2406**A may be a modification of third image **2406**, fourth modified image **2408**A may be a modification of fourth image **2408**, fifth modified image **2410**A may be a modification of fifth image **2410**, and sixth modified image **2412**A may be a modification of sixth image **2412** as a result of the use of a power-up card. Modified game communication area **2418**A may tell the player in words what the modified images are displaying graphically (e.g., "2,000 Credits Stolen! 5 Free Spins Stolen!") as a result of the use of a power-up card. Modified credit amount image **2428**A may show the adjusted amount of credits after the use of a power-up card. Modified win amount area **2430**A may show the adjusted amount of win after the use of a power-up card. A modified banked free spins **2435**A may show a balance of zero based on 5 free spins being stolen (e.g., 5−5=0). Each modified image may show the effects of one or more power-up cards on the player's results.

In one example, a first player (e.g., "CARMEN") may use a "steal all wins" power-up card to steal any wins which a second player (e.g., "SCOTT") may earn on the next spin. First screen image **2400** may represent the next spin for SCOTT, with a win of 2,000 credits (e.g., "10×") and the win of five free spins (e.g., "5 Free Spins"). Second screen image **2400**A may then represent the results of CARMEN's attack on SCOTT. First modified image **2402**A, second modified image **2404**A, third modified image **2406**A, fourth modified image **2408**A, fifth modified image **2410**A, and sixth modified image **2412**A may be showing SCOTT the theft of his win (and/or "the amount he won that will now go to CARMEN"). Game communication area **2418**A may then tell SCOTT in words what has occurred, "2,000 Credits Stolen! 5 Free Spins Stolen!", and/or any other words. Modified credit amount image **2428**A may show the reduction in number of credits based on the power-up card (e.g., In this example, the player had 10,000, lost 2,000, and now has 8,000). Modified win amount area **2430**A may show the change in the win of the last spin based on the effects of the power-up card (e.g., 0 vs. 2,000). It should be noted that in these examples, the first player may be one or more players and the second player may be one or more players.

FIG. **25**A is an illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment. FIG. **25**A may show a third screen image **1000** for electronic gaming device **100** and/or electronic gaming system **200** on display **318**. Third screen image **2500** may include first image **2502**, second image **2504**, third image **2506**, fourth image **2508**, fifth image **2510**, sixth image **2512**, game communication area **2518**, credit amount image **2528**, and win amount area **2530**.

First image **2502**, second image **2504**, third image **2506**, fourth image **2508**, fifth image **2510**, and sixth image **2512** may be any image (e.g., card, letter, bar, cherry, blank, etc.). In this example, on third screen image **2500**, first image **2502**, second image **2504**, and third image **2506** are shown as "10× ", which according to game communication area **2518** represent a win of 2,000 credits. Game communication area **2518** may say, "10× pays 2,000 credits," and/or any other words. In this example, on third screen image **2500**, fourth image **2508**, fifth image **2510**, and sixth image **2512** are show as a win of "5 Free Spins". Credit amount image **2528** may show the amount of credits available to the player for game play. Win amount area **2530** may show the payout amount of the last event. All of the cells may show any image.

FIG. **25**B is an illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment. FIG. **25**B may show a fourth screen image **2500**B for electronic gaming device **100** and/or electronic gaming system **200** on display **318**. Fourth screen image **2500**B may include a first shielded image **2502**, a second shielded image **2504**, a third shielded image **2506**, a fourth shielded image **2508**, a fifth shielded image **2510**, a sixth shielded image **2512**, a game communication area **2518**A, a credit amount image **2528**A, and a win amount area **2530**A.

First shielded image **2502** may be a modification of first image **2502** on third screen image **2500**, second shielded image **2504** may be a modification of second image **2504** on third screen image **2500**, third shielded image **2506** may be a modification of third image **2506** on third screen image **2500**, fourth shielded image **2508** may be a modification of fourth image **2508** on third screen image **2500**, fifth shielded image **2510** may be a modification of fifth image **2510** on third screen image **2500**, and sixth shielded image **2512** may be a modification of sixth image **2512** on third screen image **2500**, as a result of the use of a power-up card. Modified game communication area **2518**A may tell the player in words what the modified images are displaying graphically (e.g., "Shielded: 10× and 5 Free Spins!") as a result of the use of a power-up card. Modified credit amount image **2528**A may show the adjusted amount of credits after the effect of the use of a power-up card. Modified win amount area **2530**A may show the adjusted amount of win after the effect of the use of a power-up card. Each modified image may show the effects of a power-up card for the player.

In one example, player "CARMEN" may use a "steal all wins" power-up card to steal any wins which "SCOTT" earns on the next spin. Third screen image **1000** may represent the next spin for SCOTT, with a win of 2,000 credits (e.g., "10×") and the win of five free spins (e.g., "5 Free Spins"). In this example, SCOTT played a "shield" power-up card, enabling him to protect himself from the attack of CARMEN. Fourth screen image **2500**B may then represent the results of CARMEN's attack on SCOTT, as shielded. First shielded image **2502**, second shielded image **2504**, third shielded image **2506**, fourth shielded image **2508**, fifth shielded image **2510**, and sixth shielded image **2512** may be showing SCOTT shielding the theft of his wins. Game communication area **2518**B may then tell SCOTT in words what occurred, "Shielded: 10× and 5 Free Spins". Modified credit amount image **2528**B may show the protection in number of credits based on the shield power-up card (e.g., SCOTT had 10,000, and with the shield protection, he lost no points, leaving him with 10,000). Modified win amount area **2530**B may show that there was no change in the win of the last spin based on the effects of the power-up card (e.g., stays 2,000). In another example, if SCOTT utilized a credit shield power-up card, then SCOTT would have saved the credits but lost the 5 free spins. In another example, if SCOTT utilized a spin shield power-up card, then SCOTT would have saved the 5 free spins, but would have lost the credits. In another example, if SCOTT utilized a multiplier shield power-up card, then SCOTT would have lost both the credits and the spins.

In another example, SCOTT may utilize a "rubber and glue" defense card, which may actually cause the attack to be reversed and used against CARMEN. The "rubber and glue" defense card in this example would give SCOTT the benefit of stealing any wins CARMEN may have had.

FIG. **26**A is an illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment. FIG. **26**A may show a screen image **2600** for electronic gaming device **100** and/or electronic gaming system **200** on display **318**. Screen image **2600** may include a power-up card selection area **2602**, a first power-up card selection **2604**A, a second power-up card selection **2604**B, a third power-up card selection **2604**C, a fourth power-up card selection **2604**D, a fifth power-up card selection **2604**E, a sixth power-up card selection **2604**F, a first player selection **2608**A, a second player selection **2608**B, a third player selection **2608**C, a fourth player selection **2608**D, a fifth player selection **2608**E, a player selection scroll up button **2610**A, a player selection scroll bar **2610**B, a player selection scroll down button **2610**C, a power-up card selection scroll up button **2611**A, a power-up card selection scroll bar **2611**B, a power-up card selection scroll down button **2611**C, and a payline display area **2614**.

Power-up card area **2602** may include information necessary for the use of power-up cards in game play. Power-up card area **2602** may include a list of players currently playing. Power-up card area **2602** may include the ability to select from the list of players currently playing. For example, first player selection **2608**A, second player selection **2608**B, third player selection **2608**C, fourth player selection **2608**D, and fifth player selection **2608**E may be those players currently playing at another electronic game device **100** and/or electronic gaming system **200**, which may be selected for use of power-up cards.

Power-up card area **2602** may include a list of power-up cards available for use. For example, first power-up card selection **2604**A, second power-up card selection **2604**B, third power-up card selection **2604**C, fourth power-up card selection **2604**D, fifth power-up card selection **2604**E, and sixth power-up card selection **2604**F may be those power-up cards which are available for the player and which now may be selected for implementation. In another example, power-up card selection scroll up button **2610**A, power-up card selection scroll bar **2610**B, and power-up card selection scroll down button **2610**C may be utilized to access other power-up cards (e.g., attack type 4, attack type 5, special skill card 1, special skill card 2, defense type 4, defense type 5, another attack type 1, another defense type 1, etc.).

FIG. **26**B is an illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment. FIG. **26**B may show a screen image **2600**A for electronic gaming device **100** and/or electronic gaming system **200** on display **318**. Screen image **2600**A may include power-up card area **2602**, first power-up card selection **2604**A, second power-up card selection **2604**B, third power-up card selection **2604**C, fourth power-up card selection **2604**D, fifth power-up card selection **2604**E, sixth power-up card selection **2604**F, a player selection **2620**, a power-up card selection input **2628**A, and a player selection input **2628**B.

In this embodiment, first power-up card selection **2604**A may be selected using power-up card selection input **2628**A. Second power-up card selection **2604**B may be selected using power-up card selection input **2628**A. Third power-up card selection **2604**C may be selected using power-up card selection input **2628**A. Fourth power-up card selection **2604**D may be selected using power-up card selection input **2628**A. Fifth power-up card selection **2604**E may be selected using power-up card selection input **2628**A. Sixth power-up card selection **2604**F may be selected using power-up card selection input **2628**A. Additionally in this embodiment, player selection **2620** may be selected using player selection input **2628**B. The player may utilize any input device (e.g., touch screen, joystick, etc.).

For example, for first power-up card selection **2604**A, the player using power-up card selection input **2628**A may be select, "Steal Wins Next 5 Spins". The player may then select a target player **2620** ("Butch"), for use of first power-up card selection **2604**A by using player selection input **2628**B. In one example, by moving power-up card selection input **2628**A over first power-up card selection **2604**C implements one or more power-up cards. In the event the targeted player wins anything during the next five spins, first power-up card selection **2604**A will take the winnings and apply them to the player who implemented first power-up card **2604**A. However, if the correct defensive power-up card is utilized, then the attack power-up card would be stopped.

In another example, for second power-up card selection **2604**B, the player using power-up card selection input **2628**A may select, "Freeze Play 10 Spins". The player may then select target player **2620** ("Butch"), for use of second power-up card selection **2604**B by using player selection input **2628**B. The targeted player may then be frozen out for 10 spins. In one example, the freezing of the spins may be represented by electronic gaming device **100** and/or electronic gaming system **200** reducing credits available for wagering by an amount of credits representing 10 spins (e.g., 10 credits at 1 credit per spin, 20 credits at 2 credits per spin, etc.). The freezing of the spins may be represented by electronic gaming device **100** and/or electronic gaming system **200** halting the player's ability to play for an amount of time equal to 10 spins (e.g., 1 second per spin, 5 seconds per spin, etc.). The freezing of the spins may be represented by any negative impact to the player.

In another example, for third power-up card selection **2604**C, the player using power-up card selection input **2628**A may select, "Block Wins Next 5 Spins". The player may then select target player **2620** ("Butch"), for use of third power-up card selection **2604**C, by using player selection input **2628**B. In the event the targeted player wins anything during the next five spins, third power-up card selection **2604**C will take the winnings and/or eliminates the winnings.

In another example, for fourth power-up card selection **2604**D the player using power-up card selection input **2628**A may select **2604**D, "Shield Self from Credit Attack". The player may then select target player **2620** ("Butch"), for use of fourth power-up card selection **2604**D, by using player selection input **2628**B. In the event the targeted player tries to the credit attack the player who implemented fourth power-up card selection **2604**D, the credit attack will have no effect on the player for some amount of time (e.g., 1 minute, 5 minutes, 10 minutes, etc.). This power-up shield may work for a number of spins, an amount of time, and/or any other method of tracking usage. This power-up shield may work to protect the player from specific players, from multiple selected players, from some sub-set of players (e.g., opposing team), and/or from all players.

FIG. **26**C is another illustration of power-up game play, according to one embodiment. Screen image **2600** may include a first non-winning symbol **2627**, a first 5 free spins symbol **2623**, a second 5 free spins symbol **2625**, one or more first replacement symbols **2603**, and one or more second replacement symbols **2605**. There may be any number (e.g., 1-N) of symbols and/or replacement symbols. In this example, there is no winning outcome because only two 5 free spins symbols (e.g., first 5 free spins symbol **2623** and second 5 free spins symbol **2625** landed on plurality of reels **2614**) were shown when the gaming structure required three 5 free spins symbols to be displayed for a winning outcome. In one example, the player via power-up card selection input **2628**A may select (e.g., **2630**, **2603**A, **2628**A, and/or **26288**) one or more of the one or more first replacement symbols **2603** to replace first non-winning symbol **2627** with a 5 free spins symbol to complete a winning outcome (see FIG. **26**D). In another example, one or more second replacement symbols **2605** may be utilized to create a multiplier winning outcome. Further, any symbol, such as, credit symbols, free spin symbols, scatter symbols, wild symbols, multiplier symbols, and/or any other symbols may be utilized to complete a winning combination. In another example, one, a few, a plurality, and/or all of the replacement symbols may be utilized at the same time to create a winning combination. In one example, all of first replacement symbols **2603** are selected (e.g., **2603**A, **2630**A, **2630**B, **2630**C, **2628**A, and/or **26288**) to replace a first symbol area **2622**, a second symbol area **2624**, and a third symbol area **2626** (see FIG. **26**E). In another example, an auto attack **2650** and/or an auto defense **2652** may be utilized (see FIG. **26**F). For example, auto attack **2650** may be utilized to automatically use one or more selected (e.g., randomly, predetermined pattern, pre-selected pattern, pre-selected card formation, etc.) cards against one or more selected (e.g., randomly, predetermined pattern, pre-selected players, pre-selected pattern, etc.) players. This may occur at random intervals during game play. This may occur on a predetermined pattern and/or a player selected pattern. In another example, auto defense **2652** may be utilized to automatically use one or more selected (e.g., randomly, predetermined pattern, pre-selected pattern, pre-selected card formation, etc.) cards against one or more determined and/or anticipated attacks. In this example, auto defense **2652** may utilize the best card to defend against a specific attack automatically.

FIG. **27**A is an illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment. FIG. **27**A may show a screen image **2700** for electronic gaming device **100** and/or electronic gaming system **200** on display **318**. Screen image **2700** may include one or more paylines **2702**, a game data area **2704**, a game communication area **2706**A, credit amount image **2728**, and win amount area **2730**.

Payline **2702** may display the outcome of the wagering event. Game data area **2704** may include additional data relating to the game. For example, game data area **2704** may include game communication area **2706**A, game menu button, bet reducer button, bet increaser button, bet amount image, credit amount image **2728**, and win amount area **2730**, and/or any combination thereof.

Game communication area **2706**A may display message(s) to the player. In FIG. **27**A, game communication area **2706**A states, "ADJUST BET OR PRESS PLAY". Game communication area **2706**A may display this and/or any message.

FIG. **27**B is an illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment. FIG. **27**B may show screen image **2700** for electronic gaming device **100** and/or electronic gaming device **200** on display **318**. Screen image **2700** may include game data area **2704**, a modified game communication area **2706**B, credit amount image, and win amount area.

Modified game communication area **2706**B may display a message to the player. In FIG. **27**B, modified game communication area **2706**B states, "YOU STOLE 5000 CREDITS". Modified game communication area **2706**B may display this and/or any message.

For example, modified game communication area **2706**B may display the outcome of a power-up card being played to attack another player. On screen image **2700**, the message on **2706**B is telling the player that their power-up card was successful in stealing 5,000 credits from another player in the tournament. Credit amount image has been modified to show 15,000 credits now available, which is different than 10,000 credits shown in FIG. **27**A.

FIG. **27**C is an illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment. FIG. **27**C shows a screen image **2700** for electronic gaming device **100** and/or electronic gaming device **200** on display **318**. Screen image **2700** may include game data area **2704**, a modified game communication area **2706**C, credit amount image, and win amount area.

Modified game communication area **2706**C may display message(s) to the player. In FIG. **27**C, modified game communication area **2706**C states, "YOU BLOCKED "BUTCH" FROM 10 FREE SPINS".

For example, modified game communication area **2706**C may display the outcome of a power-up card being played to attack another player. In FIG. **27**C, the message on modified game communication area **2706**C is telling the player that their power-up card was successful in blocking Butch from winning 10 free spins in the tournament.

FIG. **27**D is an illustration of tournament game play, according to one embodiment. FIG. **27**D may show a screen image **2700** for electronic gaming device **100** and/or electronic gaming device **200** on display **318**. Screen image **2700** may include game data area **2704**, a modified game communication area **2706**D, credit amount image, and win amount area.

Modified game communication area **2706**D may display one or more messages to the player. In FIG. **27**D, modified game communication area **2706**D states, "YOU BLOCKED EVERYONE FROM OBTAINING MULTIPLIERS FOR 30 SECONDS". Modified game communication area **2706**D may display this and/or any message.

For example, modified game communication area **2706**D may display the outcome of a power-up card being played to attack another player. In FIG. **27**D, the message on modified game communication area **2706**D is telling the player that their power-up card was successful in blocking everyone from obtaining multipliers for a 30 second period of time during the tournament.

FIG. **28** is a flow diagram illustrating the use of power-up cards in a tournament game play. The method may include selection of a card to be implemented (step **2802**). The method may include determining if the power-up card is targeted to one or more specific players (step **2804**). If the power-up card is not targeting to one or more specific players, the method may include applying one or more power-up cards (e.g., attack power-up cards and/or defense power-up cards) across all players (step **2806**). If the power-up card is targeted to one or more specific players, the method may include attacking and/or defending the identified players (step **2808**). The method may include providing one or more players with one or more benefits and/or damages associated with the implemented power-up card (step **2810**). The method may include providing the player who played one or more power-up card(s) with feedback of the attack and/or benefit, and/or the method may include providing the player who was attacked by the power-up card feedback of the results (step **2812**).

For example, when the player, "CARMEN" has a power-up card available for use, CARMEN may elect to use a "stop a specific player from playing next 5-spins" power-up card. Then CARMEN may be asked which player to use the power-up card against (e.g., attack). If CARMEN elected to use it against "SCOTT", SCOTT may then receive a notification that he was attacked by a power-up card from CARMEN and CARMEN may receive notification of the success of his attack against SCOTT. In a further example, SCOTT may be notified of the pending attack in advance and given an amount of time (e.g., 1 second, 5 seconds, 10 seconds, etc.) to shield himself if he has a shield power-up card available. In a further example, SCOTT may have implemented a "shield for next 10 plays" card, which would shield SCOTT from CARMEN's (or any other players attack). Both SCOTT and CARMEN may then receive notification of the attack and the shielding. In one example, the notification may inform the player that an attack is coming but not what type of attack. In another example, the notification may inform the attacking player that the target player has a defense up but not what type of defense is in place.

In another example, the tournament may have teams. In this example, rather than the power-up card being used against just one individual, the player may elect to use the "stop a specific player from playing next 5-spins" card against the entire team. By doing so, the entire team would have to halt play, allowing the team which implemented the power-up card to potentially move ahead. The targeted team may then be frozen out for 5-spins. In another example, by utilizing a power-up card on a team, as opposed to an individual, may dilute the functionality of the power-up card. For example, instead of the power-up card stopping one player from spinning for 5 turns, the power-up card may stop an entire team from spinning for 3 turns.

In another example, the tournament may have teams. For example, rather than the power-up card being used to defend just one individual, the player may elect to use the "shield for next 10 plays" card (or next 5 minutes, and/or any other duration), for the benefit of their entire team. By doing so, the entire team may be protected from opponent team power-up card attacks. In another example, by utilizing a power-up card for a team, as opposed to an individual, may dilute the functionality of the power-up card. For example, instead of the power-up card credit attacking one player from spinning for 5 turns, the power-up card may credit attack an entire team from spinning for 3 turns.

FIG. **29** is a flow diagram of power-up cards being used in tournament play **2900**, according to one embodiment. The method may include the player (and/or team) entering the tournament (step **2902**). The method may include a determination if the player account has power-up cards banked (step **2904**). The method may include, if the player has banked power-up cards, asking the player if they would like to see what power-up cards are available to trade (step **2906**). If the player elects to review trading, the method may include evaluation if the player makes a trade (step **2908**). If the player has power-up cards the method may include allowing the player to elect to use banked power-up cards (step **2910**). In the event the player elects to use banked power-up cards, the method may include the player selecting one or more banked power-up cards (step **2912**). The method may include generating additional power-up cards, if needed for tournament play (step **2914**). If the player has no power-up cards and/or elects not to use the banked cards, the method may include generating one or more power-up cards (step **2916**). Once the player has necessary power-up cards, the method may include playing in the tournament (step **2918**).

For example, in the event the tournament allows for the use of up to five power-up cards and a player only has three power-up cards in their bank of cards, the player may be presented with a list of power-up cards from which they may select two additional power-up cards. The additional power-up cards may be offered to the player for an additional amount of credits, free, offered only to certain players (e.g., player level), offered only to frequent players, and/or any other criteria.

In another example, five power-up cards are necessary for play. If the player chooses to only utilize one of their banked power-up cards, they may be presented with a list of power-up cards from which they may select four additional power-up cards.

In another example, if the player doesn't want to be limited to utilizing their banked power-up cards, the player may elect to go to a power-up card trading bank. In the trading bank, other players may list power-up cards they are willing to trade and/or which power-up cards they would like to receive. For instance, Player A may put a "Steal Wins for Next 5 Spins" power-up card on the available listing. Player B may want

Player A's power-up card and will offer "Shield for 5 minutes" power-up card in return. Player A may then receive a message notifying Player A of Player B's desire to trade. Player A may elect to accept or deny the trade.

In another example, card trading module may be automated. Player A may be planning on leaving the casino, but wants to still allow a trade to take place in their absence. Player A may put a "Steal Wins for Next 5 Spins" power-up card on the available listing along with which cards Player A is willing to accept in return (e.g., Player A wants any "Shield" power-up cards and is willing to give a "Steal Wins for Next 5 Spins", Player A wants a "Steal Wins for Next 2 Spins" power-up card and is willing to give any "Shield" power-up cards, etc.). In another example, the list may include one or more cards that would be acceptable to the player to automatically complete one or more trades.

In another example, power-up cards may have a ranking assigned. In this situation Player A may say they will trade the "Steal Wins for Next 5 Spins" power-up card for any card with a rank in excess of a predetermined level (e.g., 1-N). Power-up cards may be ranked by any method of ranking (e.g., point value, school grade (A-F), metal (Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron, Lead), etc.).

FIG. **30** is a flow diagram of tournament play with use of power-up cards, according to one embodiment. The method may include the tournament starting (step **3002**). The method may include determining if the player has one or more unused power-up cards (step **3004**). if the player does not have one or more unused power-up cards, the player may be asked to get a power-up card (step **3006**). The method may include if the player has banked power-up cards, asking the player if they would like to see what power-up cards are available to trade (step **3008**). If the player elects to review trading, the method may include evaluation if the player makes a trade (step **3010**). If the player does have available power-up cards, the method may include asking the player if they want to use one or more of their power-up cards (step **3012**). If the player chooses to use one or more of their banked power-up cards, the method may include determining if the power-up card can be utilized against one or more specific players (step **3014**). If the power-up card cannot be used against specific players, it may be applied to all the players (step **3016**). If the power-up card may be utilized against one or more specific players, the player may be asked to select a player or players to target (step **3018**). The method may then include implementing one or more cards against one or more targeted players (step **3020**). The method may return to step **3004**.

For example, if the player does not have one or more unused cards the player may be directed by electronic gaming device **100** and/or electronic gaming device **200** and/or any other source of direction, to the location where they may obtain power-up cards for use in the tournament. The player may be directed to any source for obtaining cards (e.g., bartender, tournament host/hostess, a location within the casino, and/or any other location where a power-up card could be distributed to players).

In another example, when the player has a power-up card available for use, the player may elect to use a "steal one spin from all players" power-up card. The player would then receive one spin from each player who has not utilized an "all shield" and/or spin shield power-up card.

In another example, when the player has a power-up card available for use, the player may elect to use a "shield from other player spin attack" power-up card. The player in the example above would then not receive one spin from the player who has utilized the spin shield power-up card because they were protected against a spin attack. The player could have also utilized an all shield power-up card.

In another example, a tournament structure may be enhanced by having an energy drink branded (e.g., Red Drink Bull, etc.) exciter card, which may let the player's spin rate double for a specific amount of time (e.g., 3 seconds, five seconds, 1 minute, etc.).

In another embodiment, the method of providing gaming options via an electronic gaming device may include receiving one or more primary wagers on one or more paylines, starting a bonus game, determining one or more values, and/or selecting one or more presentations based on the one or more values.

In an exemplary embodiment, an electronic gaming device may include a plurality of reels. The plurality of reels may include a plurality of symbols. The electronic gaming device may include a first payline, a second payline, and a memory. The memory may include a payline module. The payline module may include a plurality of payline structures. The electronic gaming device may include a processor. The processor may receive primary wagers on one or more paylines. The processor may receive one or more secondary wagers on one or more selected paylines (e.g., repeat paylines, patterns, scenarios, etc.). The selected paylines may be based on data received from a player. The processor may determine a selected payline's payout based on the one or more selected paylines (e.g., repeat paylines, patterns, scenarios, etc.).

In another embodiment, the processor may determine a payout based on the primary wagers. The electronic gaming device may include a network interface, which may receive data from at least one of a server and one or more gaming devices. The electronic gaming device may include a display, which may display one or more selected paylines.

In another example, the display may shade one or more non-selected paylines. The electronic gaming device may include a player preference input device. The player preference input device may modify a game configuration based on data from an identification device. The processor may multiply a prize value based on a selected payline occurrence.

In another example, the method may include displaying a game status image. The method may also include shading one or more completed objectives (e.g., tournament level selecting any element, obtaining a repeat payline, etc.).

In another embodiment, the electronic gaming system may include a server. The server may include a server memory, a server processor, and a signage server. The server memory may include historical gaming data. The server processor may generate a gaming message based on the historical gaming data. The signage server may transmit the gaming message.

In another example, the gaming message may be transmitted to an internal display of a gaming entity. The internal display may be a non-gaming device display. The gaming message may be transmitted to an external display of a gaming entity. The external display may be located outside of a gaming entity. The gaming message may be transmitted to at least one of a top display, a main display, and a side display.

The plurality of reels may form a 5-by-5 matrix, a 3-by-5 matrix, a 4-by-5 matrix, a 4-by-3 matrix, a 5-by-3 matrix, or any number-by-any number matrix. The symbols may be an image of a card, an image, and/or other objects. For example, it could be a pot of gold, an ace of spades, a diamond, or any other symbol. The symbols may be animation. The symbols may be a picture. For example, it may be a picture of the player as taken by camera **312**. The symbols may be a number. The symbols may be any image. The symbols may be blank.

The disclosed features may be part of the base game, a bonus game, and/or tournament game play. In addition, the disclosed features may be part of a base bet and/or may require an additional side bet (e.g., ante bet).

In one embodiment, the electronic gaming device may include a plurality of reels. One or more paylines may be formed on at least a portion of the plurality of reels. The electronic gaming device may include a memory and one or more processors. The memory may include one or more tournament game structures. The one or more processors may initiate one or more tournaments based on one or more tournament game structures.

In one example, the tournament management system implements a smooth transition from the tournament play session back to standard play on the same slot machine. The tournament management system may allow for near instant and automatic transition of the game from tournament mode to standard play mode. In another example, a switch may be manually controlled to allow either the player or the casino operator to delay the change of mode from tournament to standard. Upon completion of a tournament, the main game screen may display the tournament results, one or more advertisements, and/or one or more sponsor information. In another example, a full screen advertisement may be shown immediately afterwards before moving on to the standard play mode. In another example, upon tournament completion, the management system may print a result ticket for the player, showing their final position in the tournament. This ticket may include a barcode or a QR code from the advertiser for use on a mobile device, PC, and/or kiosk giving the player some consolation prize, coupon, and/or merchandize claim ID. Further, a second ticket after the results ticket could be used in lieu of having both the tournament result and the advertiser code on the same ticket. These prizes may be given out to all players, or just the winning player, or just the losing players, depending on the type of promotion used.

In one embodiment, an electronic gaming device may include a memory, one or more processors, and a plurality of reels. One or more paylines may be formed on at least a portion of the plurality of reels. The memory may include one or more tournament game structures. The memory may also include one or more advertisement structures. The one or more processors may initiate one or more tournaments based on one or more tournament game structures. The one or more processors may initiate one or more advertisements based on at least one of the one or more advertisement structures and one or more triggering events.

In another example, the one or more processors may initiate a first advertisement based on a first tournament time. In one example, the one or more processors may initiate a second advertisement based on a second tournament time. In an example, a first tournament of the one or more tournaments is an asynchronous tournament. In another example, a second tournament of the one or more tournaments is a synchronous tournament.

In one example, the one or more processors may initiate one or more modified advertisements where the one or more modified advertisements are modified based on one or more player data. In an example, the one or more modified advertisements are further modified based on a tournament time period. In another example, the one or more processors may initiate a first advertisement based on a first tournament time, wherein the first tournament time is an intermission time period for the tournament. In another example, the one or more processors may initiate one or more sponsor presentations.

In another embodiment, a method of providing tournament gaming options via an electronic gaming device may include: starting one or more tournaments and initiating one or more advertisements during an implementation of the one or more tournaments.

In various examples, the method may include: initiating a first advertisement based on a first tournament time; initiating a second advertisement based on a second tournament time; and/or initiating one or more modified advertisements where the one or more modified advertisements are modified based on one or more player data.

In another example, a first tournament of the one or more tournaments is an asynchronous tournament. In one example, a second tournament of the one or more tournaments is a synchronous tournament.

In another embodiment, an electronic gaming system may include a server, which includes a server memory and a server processor. The server memory may include one or more tournament game structures. The server memory may also include one or more advertisement structures. The server processor may initiate the one or more tournaments based on one or more tournament game structures. The server processor may initiate one or more advertisements based on at least one of the one or more advertisement structures and one or more triggering events.

In another example, the server processor may initiate a first advertisement based on a first tournament time. In one example, the server processor may initiate a second advertisement based on a second tournament time. In another example, a first tournament of the one or more tournaments is an asynchronous tournament. In one example, a second tournament of the one or more tournaments is a synchronous tournament.

Gaming system may be a "state-based" system. A state-based system stores and maintains the system's current state in a non-volatile memory. Therefore, if a power failure or other malfunction occurs, the gaming system will return to the gaming system's state before the power failure or other malfunction occurred when the gaming system is powered up.

State-based gaming systems may have various functions (e.g., wagering, payline selections, reel selections, game play, bonus game play, evaluation of game play, game play result, steps of graphical representations, etc.) of the game. Each function may define a state. Further, the gaming system may store game histories, which may be utilized to reconstruct previous game plays.

A state-based system is different than a Personal Computer ("PC") because a PC is not a state-based machine. A state-based system has different software and hardware design requirements as compared to a PC system.

The gaming system may include random number generators, authentication procedures, authentication keys, and operating system kernels. These devices, modules, software, and/or procedures may allow a gaming authority to track, verify, supervise, and manage the gaming system's codes and data.

A gaming system may include state-based software architecture, state-based supporting hardware, watchdog timers, voltage monitoring systems, trust memory, gaming system designed communication interfaces, and security monitoring.

For regulatory purposes, the gaming system may be designed to prevent the gaming system's owner from misusing (e.g., cheating) via the gaming system. The gaming system may be designed to be static and monolithic.

In one example, the instructions coded in the gaming system are non-changeable (e.g., static) and are approved by a

gaming authority and installation of the codes are supervised by the gaming authority. Any change in the system may require approval from the gaming authority. Further, a gaming system may have a procedure/device to validate the code and prevent the code from being utilized if the code is invalid. The hardware and software configurations are designed to comply with the gaming authorities' requirements.

As used herein, the term "mobile device" refers to a device that may from time to time have a position that changes. Such changes in position may comprise of changes to direction, distance, and/or orientation. In particular examples, a mobile device may comprise of a cellular telephone, wireless communication device, user equipment, laptop computer, other personal communication system ("PCS") device, personal digital assistant ("PDA"), personal audio device ("PAD"), portable navigational device, or other portable communication device. A mobile device may also comprise of a processor or computing platform adapted to perform functions controlled by machine-readable instructions.

The methods and/or methodologies described herein may be implemented by various means depending upon applications according to particular examples. For example, such methodologies may be implemented in hardware, firmware, software, or combinations thereof. In a hardware implementation, for example, a processing unit may be implemented within one or more application specific integrated circuits ("ASICs"), digital signal processors ("DSPs"), digital signal processing devices ("DSPDs"), programmable logic devices ("PLDs"), field programmable gate arrays ("FPGAs"), processors, controllers, micro-controllers, microprocessors, electronic devices, other devices units designed to perform the functions described herein, or combinations thereof.

Some portions of the detailed description included herein are presented in terms of algorithms or symbolic representations of operations on binary digital signals stored within a memory of a specific apparatus or a special purpose computing device or platform. In the context of this particular specification, the term specific apparatus or the like includes a general purpose computer once it is programmed to perform particular operations pursuant to instructions from program software. Algorithmic descriptions or symbolic representations are examples of techniques used by those of ordinary skill in the arts to convey the substance of their work to others skilled in the art. An algorithm is considered to be a self-consistent sequence of operations or similar signal processing leading to a desired result. In this context, operations or processing involve physical manipulation of physical quantities. Typically, although not necessarily, such quantities may take the form of electrical or magnetic signals capable of being stored, transferred, combined, compared or otherwise manipulated. It has proven convenient at times, principally for reasons of common usage, to refer to such signals as bits, data, values, elements, symbols, characters, terms, numbers, numerals, or the like. It should be understood, however, that all of these or similar terms are to be associated with appropriate physical quantities and are merely convenient labels. Unless specifically stated otherwise, as apparent from the discussion herein, it is appreciated that throughout this specification discussions utilizing terms such as "processing," "computing," "calculating," "determining" or the like refer to actions or processes of a specific apparatus, such as a special purpose computer or a similar special purpose electronic computing device. In the context of this specification, therefore, a special purpose computer or a similar special purpose electronic computing device is capable of manipulating or transforming signals, typically represented as physical electronic or magnetic quantities within memories, registers, or other information storage devices, transmission devices, or display devices of the special purpose computer or similar special purpose electronic computing device.

Reference throughout this specification to "one example," "an example," "embodiment," and/or "another example" should be considered to mean that the particular features, structures, or characteristics may be combined in one or more examples.

While there has been illustrated and described what are presently considered to be example features, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that various other modifications may be made, and equivalents may be substituted, without departing from the disclosed subject matter. Additionally, many modifications may be made to adapt a particular situation to the teachings of the disclosed subject matter without departing from the central concept described herein. Therefore, it is intended that the disclosed subject matter not be limited to the particular examples disclosed.

The invention claimed is:

1. An electronic gaming device comprising:
- a plurality of display areas;
- one or more paylines formed on at least a portion of the plurality of display areas;
- a memory, the memory including one or more tournament game structures, the memory further including one or more advertisement structures; and
- one or more processors configured to initiate one or more tournaments based on one or more tournament game structures, the one or more processors configured to initiate one or more advertisements based on at least one of the one or more advertisement structures and one or more triggering events;
- wherein the one or more processors are configured to initiate a first advertisement based on a first tournament time where the first tournament time is an intermission time period for a first tournament;
- wherein the one or more paylines are utilized in game play during the first tournament.

2. The electronic gaming device of claim **1**, wherein the one or more processors are further configured to initiate a second advertisement based on a second tournament time.

3. The electronic gaming device of claim **1**, wherein the first tournament of the one or more tournaments is an asynchronous tournament.

4. The electronic gaming device of claim **1**, wherein a second tournament of the one or more tournaments is a synchronous tournament.

5. The electronic gaming device of claim **1**, wherein the one or more processors are further configured to initiate one or more modified advertisements where the one or more modified advertisements are modified based on one or more player data.

6. The electronic gaming device of claim **1**, wherein the one or more processors are further configured to initiate one or more modified advertisements where the one or more modified advertisements are modified based on a tournament time period.

7. The electronic gaming device of claim **1**, wherein the one or more processors are further configured to initiate one or more sponsor presentations.

8. A method of providing tournament gaming options via an electronic gaming device where the electronic gaming device includes a plurality of display areas and one or more paylines formed on at least a portion of the plurality of display areas, the method comprising:

starting via one or more processors a first tournament initiating via the one or more processors one or more advertisements during an implementation of the first tournament; and

initiating via the one or more processors a first advertisement based on a first tournament time where the first tournament time is an intermission time period for the first tournament; wherein the one or more paylines are utilized in game play during the first tournament.

9. The method of claim **8**, further comprising initiating a second advertisement based on a second tournament time.

10. The method of claim **8**, wherein the first tournament of the one or more tournaments is an asynchronous tournament.

11. The method of claim **8**, wherein a second tournament of the one or more tournaments is a synchronous tournament.

12. The method of claim **8**, further comprising initiating one or more modified advertisements where the one or more modified advertisements are modified based on one or more player data.

13. An electronic gaming system comprising:

a server including a server memory and a server processor, the server memory including one or more tournament game structures, the server memory further including one or more advertisement structures; and

the server processor configured to initiate the one or more tournaments based on one or more tournament game structures on an electronic gaming device where the electronic gaming device includes a plurality of display areas and one or more paylines formed on at least a portion of the plurality of display areas, the server processor configured to initiate one or more advertisements based on at least one of the one or more advertisement structures and one or more triggering events;

wherein the server processor is configured to initiate a first advertisement based on a first tournament time where the first tournament time is an intermission time period for a first tournament; wherein the one or more paylines are utilized in game play during the first tournament.

14. The electronic gaming system of claim **13**, wherein the server processor is further configured to initiate a second advertisement based on a second tournament time.

15. The electronic gaming system of claim **14**, wherein the first tournament of the one or more tournaments is an asynchronous tournament.

16. The electronic gaming system of claim **15**, wherein a second tournament of the one or more tournaments is a synchronous tournament.

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